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Move To Expand North Atlantic Security Pact

INVITATION TO ITALY UNDER DISCUSSION

Norway, Denmark, Portugal & Iceland May Sign Treaty

NEGOTIATIONS ARE HARMONIOUS, SAYS DEAN ACHESON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2 (UPA): The North Atlantic Pact nations are discussing whether to invite Italy and some other countries to join, Secretary of State, Dean Acheson told a news conference today. He said he hoped that decisions on expanding the security treaty now being negotiated by seven nations will be reached soon.

EXPANDING THE TREATY

SOME OF THE NEGOTIATORS HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL THAT ITALY NORWAY, DENMARK, PORTUGAL AND ICELAND MIGHT DECIDE TO JOIN THE TREATY BEFORE IT IS SIGNED.

IN HIS DISCUSSION OF THE NATIONS WHICH MAY BE INVITED TO JOIN, ACHESON IDENTIFIED ONLY ITALY. HE WOULD NOT SAY WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE BROUGHT INTO THE TALKS.

There were reports that the seven nations drafting the treaty are split over whether an invitation should be given to Italy. Several influential members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee also were reported to be opposing Italy's entrance at this time.

NO DIFFERENCES

Acheson said that he knew of no outstanding differences on the text of the treaty. He said that the negotiations were harmonious and that good headway was being made.

He voiced the hope that the text could be made public in the near future. Acheson said he believes that it would be wise to publish a tentative draft of the treaty before it was signed. He said that this might bring forward additional ideas for possible inclusion in the pact.

Acheson said that there will be another meeting of the pact Ambassadors tomorrow, and probably one early next week. But by that time, he hoped, great progress would be made.

Referring to Italy and the pact, he said that the decisions needed to be thoroughly resolved. He said that the State Department legal adviser, Ernest Gross, is drafting a document to include all military assistance to other countries. Gross will pick up existing programmes and add an new ones.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR MYINGYAN

RANGOON, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): A Burmese spokesman stated today that heavy fighting was in progress near Myingyan, an important rail town, 60 miles south-west of Mandalay.

Reports did not say whether the rebels there were Communists or Karens, he said.

The situation in the Mandalay sector was quiet today though Karen resistance pockets were operating near Maymyo, 40 miles to the north.

BRITAIN'S TERMS FOR HELP TO BURMA

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 2: Opinion in official circles favours autonomy for Karens but within framework of Burmese State.

The British Government is believed to be keen on helping Burma but it is felt that before financial assistance is extended the present internecine strife should be terminated.

Bombay-Bound Plane In Accident

NEW YORK, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): A Bombay-bound DC-4 Skymaster with 33 people aboard hit ground wire installations but landed safely at Gander, Newfoundland, last night, Transcontinental and Western Airlines said today.

The plane, with 24 passengers and a crew of 9 was making an instrument-landing approach to the field when it struck the wires, the Company said. It had left La Guardia field here yesterday afternoon.

Officials said arrangements were being made for passengers to continue their trip.

It was believed that none of the passengers were Indians.

Explosion Shakes Istanbul

ISTANBUL, March 2, (PTI-Reuter): A violent explosion shook Istanbul today. A smaller one followed ten minutes later.

Smoke from the explosions rose several thousand feet in the air.

The explosions came from the direction of the Western side of the Golden Horn, the four-mile wide inlet of the Bosporus on which most of the city is situated.

MADANLAL ON HUNGER-STRIKE

Lahiry On Treatment Of Gandhi Murder Trial Convicts

NEW DELHI, March 2. (UPI): Mr. Ashutosh Lahiry, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has issued the following:

"The accused convicted in the Gandhi Murder Trial have all been placed in 'C' Class, and are receiving treatment like ordinary criminals, inspite of the fact that the Special Judge recommended all of them for better class treatment.

As a protest against this unjustifiable treatment, Madanlal has been on hunger strike for about ten days and since the filing of the appeal in the High Court all interviews, even with the lawyers, have been stopped".

"Blockade" Of Soviet Mission

U. S. ACTION IN FRANKFURT

FRANKFURT, March 2, (PTI-Reuter):— The United States authorities have today began their "blockade" of the Soviet Repatriation Mission here, under notice to quit the American zone, by cutting off their electricity, gas and phone.

The four Officers and four other ranks of the Soviet Mission had been given until this morning to leave their Frankfurt Headquarters or be "starved out".

Police threw a cordon round the building occupied by the Soviet Mission while electric cables, gas pipes and telephone wires were cut.

An American officer said later the Russians had been offered facilities for leaving but had refused.

NEHRU PAYS HOMAGE TO MRS. NAIDU

Recalls Her Manifold Services To Country

LUCKNOW, March 2 (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, paying tributes to Mrs. Naidu in a short broadcast from the Lucknow station of All India Radio tonight said:

"The captains and kings of my generation depart. Old friends and dear comrades pass away. And now the dearest and brightest of them is gone. I feel desolate of heart and willowed in spirit.

"Though Sarojini Devi's strength ebbed out, her indomitable spirit held aloft. Men and women of this country have you the spirit to carry the torch and hold it aloft? May it be given to us to give India what she gave."

"What was she whom we mourn today? She was a nationalist and a great international figure. Our history and the history of the world will speak of her. She was a dreamer of dreams, singer of songs, a crusader of great cause. She was for ever full of life. For ttify years she lead a full and dynamic life and what she touched she dignified.

She was "sarva priya". Not all the passions and prejudices of moment moved her from tolerance".

"She was symbolic of manifold culture. We remember her as a comrade, a spirit full of joy and laughter, and because of that she wil never die."

Pandit Nehru paid homage to "the great daughter of India and through her to the womanhood of India" and said: "whatever we have achieved I think we owe to it to Sarojini Naidu. What I am today is partly due to the inspiration from Sarojini Devi. When I heard her 33 years ago from the platform of the National Congress, I was greatly thrilled as I was thrilled later whenever I heard her."

The Prime Minister concluded with an exerpt from the speech of Sarojini Naidu delivered by her in 115 at the Indian National Congres.

SHANGHAI DELEGATION PAVES WAY FOR PEACE

Reforms In Government-Held China On Anvil: Li Tsung Jen's Move

SHANGHAI, Mar. 2 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The three-man Shanghai non-partisan Peace Delegation which has initiated peace talks with the Communists, returned here by air from Nanking today.

Mr. Wu Yen, leader of the Delegation, declared in an airfield statement that his Delegation was now disbanded, as its mission was fulfilled.

He said "We have successfully kicked off the ball of peace and now it is up to the Government to carry it forward."

ACTING PRESIDENT'S MOVE

With the Shanghai non-Party Peace Delegation home, Acting President Li Tsung Jen last night began consultations here with subordinate Government leaders from the provinces on the next steps.

Usually reliable sources said they were discussing not only the next move to pave the way for formal peace talks but also reforms to be introduced immediately in Government-held China to prepare for peace and reconstruction.

Reports by the Shanghai Peace Delegation suggested that Dr. Shao Litse, Government peace delegate who went with it unofficially to meet the Communists, might shortly make another trip to Peiping for the second phase of preliminary peace discussions.

GOLD YUAN SOARS

China's inflated gold yuan soared to the new high record of 3,500 to the United States dollar on the Shanghai market today. The rise followed the distribution to banks of 500 and 1,00 gold yuan notes "to alleviate the cash shortage"

GOVT. CRUISER'S WHEREABOUTS

NANKING, March 2. (PTI-Reuter): A Chinese navy spokesman here today said the cruiser "Chungking," formerly the British light cruiser "Aurora," was at sea on manoeuvres but there had been no radio contact with her for two days.

He would not confirm last night's reports that the cruiser pride of China's navy—had deserted to the Communists and reports that she was now at the Communist-held Shantung port of Chefoo could not be verified.

SOVIET NOTE TO SWEDEN

Persecution Against Russian Citizens Alleged

STOCKHOLM, March 2. (PTI-Reuter): Russia has sent a note to Sweden alleging "a series of persecutions against Soviet citizens of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian nationality."

The Soviet note delivered last Monday, asked for the release of an Estonian, Arik Surveli arrested by the Swedish Police on a charge of espionage.

"Latterly," it says, "the Swedish authorities have persecuted a number of Soviet citizens of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian nationality who have expressed a wish to return from Sweden to their native land. These persecutions cannot be tolerated.

ILLEGAL INTERROGATION

"Swedish police have subjected Soviet citizens to illegal interrogation, house searches and even threats and abuse," the note declared

The Soviet note declares one Latvian Janis Maurans, was arrested immediately after visiting the Russian consulate to find out how he could return home.

The note adried that armed police forced their way into his home, carried away personal papers and photographs and subjected him to eight hours interrogations during which they tried by threats to make him decide not to return to the Soviet Union.

Citing similar incidents the note says: "They are part of an organised campaign to hinder the legitimate activities of the Soviet Embassy for repatriating Soviet citizens.

"The Soviet Embassy insists that measures be taken immediately to put an end to persecution by the Swedish authorities of Soviet citizens who wish to return home."

EXPORT DUTY ON PIECEGOODS

Millowners' Association's Protest To Delhi

BOMBAY, Feb. 2. (API): The Millowners' Association, Bombay, has protested to the Government of India against the non-removal of the ten per cent export duty on piecegoods. The Association has also expressed surprise at the proposed excise duties on cloth especially on medium and coarse cloth.

These duties, the association says, are likely to have exactly the opposite effect from that intended by putting up the price of the most essential items in the cost of living.

LABOUR PARTY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 2—The Labour Party's next five-year plan is receiving finishing touches in the light of the Shanklin decisions. The document will be issued by the end of the month.

It is believed that the views of those who favour consolidation of the present nationalisation and those who want the second major programme of socialisation have been largely reconciled.

FIRST NON-STOP FLIGHT ROUND THE WORLD

Feat Of American Bomber In 4 Days

FORT WORTH TEXAS, March 2, (PTI-Reuter): An American B-50 bomber today completed a four-day 23,000 miles non-stop flight round the world.

The flight was made possible by mid-air refuelling at four points along the route — the Azore, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and Hawaii.

With a fourteen-man crew, the bomber left this airbase at 17-21 GMT (22.51 IST) last Saturday.

FIRST NON-STOP HOP

This was the first non-stop flight round the world in history

The four-engined bomber — modernised version of the famous B-29 Superfortress — was met by tank aircraft."

They replenished its petrol supplies along the lines pioneered in Britain and developed by pioneer aviator Sir Alan Cobham

Air Force Officials hailed the feat as a concrete illustration of their ability to bombard any point on the earth from bases now available to the United States Air Force

United States Air Secretary, Stuart Symington, General Hoyt S Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff and other high officials were present at the landing.

The fourteen crew members stepped out obviously tired.

They had worked in shifts as they flew endlessly over four continents.

At 17.21 GMT last Saturday the B-50 one of America's newest bomber types, and part of the eighth air force took off and headed eastwards for the Azores.

The day before, the flight had started but was cancelled when one engine caught fire.

At the end of the first 3,863 miles leg over the Azores, the first string of "Flying Tankers" — specially converted B-29's — rose to meet the plane.

Mrs. Naidu's Last Journey

STREAM OF MOURNERS JOIN FUNERAL PROCESSION

LUCKNOW, March 2 (A.P.I.): The funeral procession of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu started at 4-10 p.m., amidst devotional songs and 'Ramdhun' sung by Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani and Mrs. Siddhanta. The bedecked cortege was placed on a army carriage draped with the Tricolour.

The carriage stopped in front of the Government House portico where Maj.-Gen. Dhillon, G.O.C., U.P. Area, saluted and placed wreaths on it.

Rush For Last Glimpse

Before the funeral procession started people of all religions—men, women and children—virtually invaded Government House to have a last glimpse of Mrs. Naidu, whilie her body was lying in state. The iron gate of Government House had to be closed and entry was restricted, but people jumped over the high boundary wall and made a dash towards the body.

The police cordon inside Government House was strengthened and the waiting crowd was allowed to form four rows and pass through the verandah where the body was lying.

The body of Sarojini Naidu wrapped in golden bordered crimson shawl and covered with floral wreaths was brought down to the ground floor about twelve noon and placed in the north-east verandah of Government House to enable the jostling crowd which had swelled to over ten thousand to have their popular Governor's last darshan. Pandits sat around the mortal frame reciting mantras as men and women passed in single file conducted by Pandit Nehru and Lady Mountbatten. Miss Padmaja Naidu sa heart-broken towards the head of her mother watching the interinaole crowd piling flowers on the body.

Mr. Hirendra Nath Chattopadhyaya, brother of Sarojini Naidu, and Shrimati Mrinalini Chattopadhya, her sister arrived here from Delhi this noon. Dr. Jaisooriya, her son, is expected to arrive by 3 p.m. and he will perform the last rites of his mother.

FUNERAL PROCESSION

Majority of the mourners were on foot.

The carriage was in the middle of the procession and the rear was formed by troops of the Indian army, airforce and a contingent of U. P. police. Immediately following the carriage were parliamentary secretaries, members of the U.P. Legislature, secretaries to Government and prominent Congressmen. All vehicular traffic on the route of the procession had been stopped.

Leaving Government House at 4-10 p.m. the procession slowly passed through the eastern gate towards the Gomoti. The entire route was lined on both sides by crowds five deep. Detachments of the army had cordoned off the procession with long ropes.

The Governor of Bihar, Mr. M. S

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MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU DIES OF HEART FAILURE

India-Wide Mourning

RAJAJI AND NEHRU RUSH TO LUCKNOW BY PLANE: POIGNANT SCENES AT FUNERAL

LUCKNOW, March 2. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor, United Provinces died of heart failure at Lucknow Government House at 3/30 AM.

THE NEWS OF MRS. NAIDU'S DEATH WAS CONVEYED ON TELEPHONE TO ALLAHABAD TO BE COMMUNICATED TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE OVERNOR GENERAL, THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA AND U.P. PREMIER, PANDIT GOVIND VALLABH PANT, WHO ARE THERE IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING CEREMONY OF BEGUM AZAD WING OF THE KAMLA NEHRU MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Naidu was to have attended the function but was advised by her doctor not to do so.

Press Note

A press note issued from the Government House on February 27, 1949, said "Her Excellency Shrimati Sarojini Naidu has been prevented from going to Allahabad on account of her illness..

The Hon'ble Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Premier United Provinces will deputise for her on all official functions and her daughter, Kumari Padmaja Naidu on all social functions connected with the visit of His Excellency the Governor General of India.

Enquiries made at Government House show that Mrs. Naidu went to sleep at 11-30 last night. She slept well upto 3 a.m. when she had an attack of severe cough.

Since her return from Delhi on February 15 Mrs. Naidu was confined to bed and was advised by her doctors to cancel all engagements.

C. R. AND NEHRU FOR ALLAHABAD

ALLAHABAD, March 2 (API)—The Governor-General of India Shri Rajagopalachari, the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Premier Govind Ballabh Pant, Lady Mountbatten, Pamela Mountbatten and Miss Padmaja Naidu, daughter of Mrs Naidu, left by plane this morning for Lucknow.

The news of the death of Mrs. Naidu, Governor United Provinces, was received here at the Governme ne House on telephone at 5 a.m. this morning.

The advance plane carrying Miss Padmaja Naidu, daughter of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, her military and private secretary who were all in Allahabad in connection with the opening ceremon yof Begum Azad wing of the Kamla Nehru Hospital, left at 7-45 a.m. for Lucknow.

NEAR RELATIONS AWAY

First woman provincial Governor in free India, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu Governor of United Provinces, who assumed office on August 15, 1947, died at Government House, Lucknow, of heart failure at the age of seventy.

No near relations were at her bedside at time of death, her constant companion and daughter—Miss Padmaja Naidu—having gone to Allahabad to attend the opening ceremony of the Begum Azad wing of the Kamla Nehru Memorial Hospital performed by the Governor General of India Mr. C. Rajagopalachari.

Mrs. Naidu's husband, Major M G Naidu, who is in Hyderabad was telephonically informed of her death.

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SAROJINI NAIDU

Since her return to Lucknow from Delhi on February 15 Mrs. Naidu used to complain severe hearache

She was examined by Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier of West Bengal in February 20. He found her very weak after her recent illness and advised her to cancel all public engagements.

BLOODLETTING.

A medical board examined the Governor on February 25 and oxygen for the first time was given on February 28. This gave her relief. On March 1 Mrs. Naidu was restless with intense headache. Bloodletting was done at 9-30 last night and injection for sleep was given at 10 p.m. After bloodletting her breathing improved and her intense headache was slightly relieved

She fell asleep at 11-30 and woke up at 2-30 a.m. The attending doctor examined her and after a fit of cough she collapsed and died.

One of the most popular Governors

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ACTING GOVERNOR OF U.P.

LUCKNOW, March 2 (U.P.I.): The oath taking ceremony of Mr. Justice Bidhu Bhusanmalik, the acting Governor-designate of the United Provinces, will take place tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Government House.

Mr. Justice Muhammed Wallullah, acting Chief Justice-designate of Allahabad High Court will administer the oath.

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G. SURYANARAYANA,
Personnel Officer.

Secunderabad,
Dated 28-2-1949. 3560

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Dated this 3rd day of March, 1949.

RABINDERNATH,
RAM PERKASH VARMA,
OM PERKASH VARMA,
Signatures of the Shareholders. 380

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UNITED STATE OF SAURASHTRA, RAJKOT.

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U. J. BHATT,
Chief Engineer. 3539

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate(s) for Six Share(s) Nos. 86276, 86277, 86278, 86279, 86280 and 86281 of the Ahmedabad Electricity Co. Ltd., standing in the name of Godedji Dosjibhai Shah (Deceased) have been lost or mislaid.

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Name:
NAROTTAMDAS GODEDJI SHAH,
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

OUR CLIENT Sir CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM, Third Baronet, has great pleasure in informing the public that Lady Amina Khanum daughter of the late All Haji Qasamali Zairajbhoy, who was separated from him for a short period, has been recently reunited with him in lawful wedlock.

Bombay dated this 1st day of March, 1949.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS,
Attorneys for Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Third Baronet. 3561

NOTICE

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that on 11th February, 1949 our client Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Third Baronet, lawfully divorced his wife Koorshidbanoo (formerly Mrs. Kathlene Mary Mackenzie) the only daughter of Mr. Martin Thomas Smith of London and that henceforth she has no authority to hold herself out as the wife of our said client or to pledge his credit.

Bombay dated this 1st day of March, 1949.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS,
Attorneys for Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Third Baronet. 3561A

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT MUGBHAT STREET, OWAL WADY.

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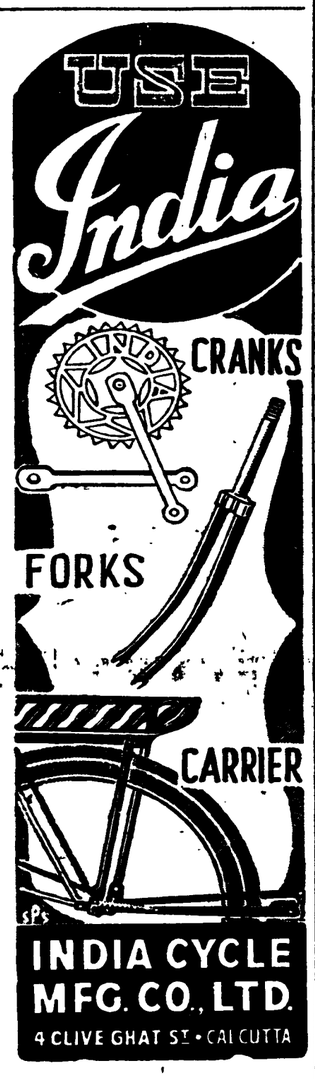

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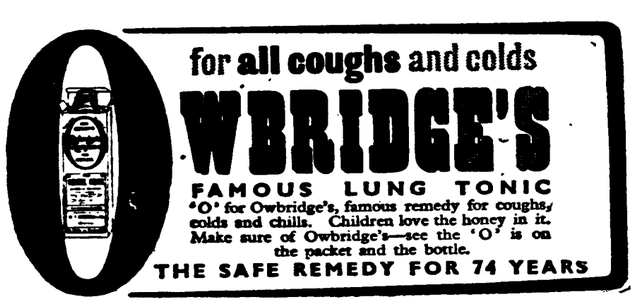
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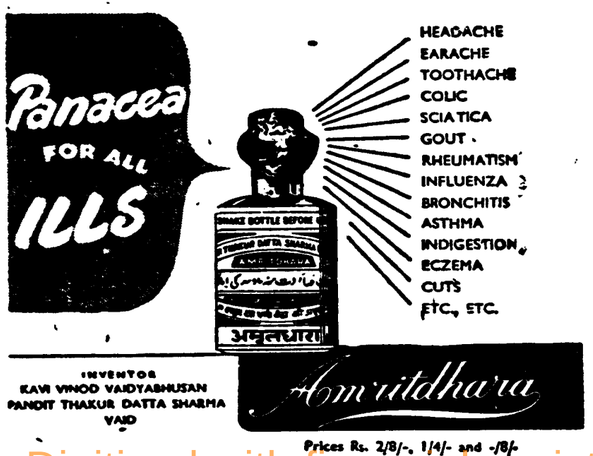

CRORE FOR HARIJAN WELFARE WORKS

Madras Creates Separate Department

MADRAS, March 2 (API): The Madras Government had decided to constitute a separate Harijan Welfare Department to be incharge of work relating to the social economics amelioration of the community, said Mr. V. Kurmayya, Minister for Rural Development, at question-time in the Assembly to-day.

Mr. V. Bhashyam Iyengar, President of the Harijan Sevak Sangh, he said, had been appointed Honorary Director of the Department. The Government had set apart one crore of rupees for Harijan Welfare Work.

'Varsity Commission In Jaipur

JAIPUR, March 2 (A.P.I.): The members of the Universities Commission, including Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (Chairman), have arrived here.

The members are expected to interview the Vice-Chancellors, Deans of Faculties, Educationists from Jaipur and other states and representatives of students.

Our Karachi Letter

HANUMAN MANDIR ATTACK ECHO

All Accused National Guards Released

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI (By Mail): All the 33 Muslim National Guards arrested in connection with the attack on well-known Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir in the Soldier Bazar area have now been released following a representation by the Karachi City Muslim League.

A deputation headed by the League President Mr. Qureshi waited recently on the Pakistan Premier Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan and submitted a representation in which they stated that the Mandir was being used as a Dharmashalla and the Mahant desired to run away to India after disposing of the land. Revenue Officials were already apprised of this and they had restrained the Mahant from selling the land. Therefore, the Mahant himself had set fire to the Mandir. The representation finally asked the Pakistan Government to release all the National Guards forthwith otherwise some sort of direct action will be resorted to.

It will be recalled, the attack on this Hanuman Mandir and breaking of its idol formed a subject of interpellations in the Indian Central Legislature last week. Students from Karachi taking training abroad or studying in the local Colleges and High Schools seem to be much perturbed over the decision of the Sind Government to stop their Scholarships from the next Financial year. Such a decision is the result of Karachi having been separated from Sind province and taken over by the Pakistan Government under Central Administration

These students naturally expect that the Pakistan Government would continue paying these scholarships instead but no decision has yet been arrived at in the matter.

MOULANA DILAWAR THREATENS FAST

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Feb. 22.

Moulana Fazal Hussein Dilawar, President of the Refugees Anjuman has written letters to the Premier Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, others Ministers of the Pakistan Cabinet and the Governor-General to make a declaration within a fortnight that the Administration of Pakistan will be run on Shariat Laws.

Moulana Saheb has threatened to go on fast unto death if such a declaration is not made public within the stipulated period.

CITY LEAGUE OFFICE RAIDED.

Much sensation prevailed in the city when news spread that a group of about 15 Makrani Muslims raided the local City Muslim League Office and carried away some important papers after inflicting injuries on those present.

The missing papers include a requisition signed by 30 members of the League Council expressing want of confidence in the present President Mr. A. M. Qureshi and Secretary Mr. Kassim Hoth as also some other important documents. All these papers were to be placed before the meeting of the Council that evening for its consideration and since these were carried away by the intruders, the meeting had to be postponed to a future date. Some clerks and two National Guards were injured in this melle while offering resistance.

Police aid was summoned but before they could reach the scene, the intruders made good their escape. No arrests have yet been made in this connection.

CLUB FOR PAKISTANI BEGUMS

A special Club for ladies only has been started here with Begum Abdulla Haroon as President and Begum Shahbuddin as Vice-President.

This separate Club became necessary because the idea of the Muslim women going to the mixed clubs even in company of their husbands has been resented by the orthodox Moulanas and Ullemas.

I.C. NOTES IN PAKISTAN

The State Bank of Pakistan has in its possession Currency notes worth Rse. 57 crores and 80 lakhs of the Reserve Bank of India, says a press note issued by the Governor of the State Bank.

Indian Scientific Mission In Australia

HOBART (Tasmania), March 2 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. S. Krishna, leader of the Indian scientific mission here, said today they would tour Australia, to exchange ideas with leaders of scientific, agricultural, medical and geological research.

Dr. Krishna, who is Director of the Forest Products Research Institute at Dehra Dun, said they were particularly interested in Australian methods of producing newsprint from hardwoods.

A newsprint mill capable of producing 30,000 tons a year would be opened in India next year, he said.

He will return to Melbourne on March 9.

State Transport For Gujerat Inaugurated

AHMEDABAD, March 2 (API): The State Transport Service for Gujarat Region was inaugurated by Mr. Bhojlal Lala, M.L.A., Secretary of the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee.

Twenty-one buses are at present plying in Ahmedabad Division, which will be increased to 75 by the middle of April. The State Transport Service will start plying in Kaira Division on March 15. It will have a fleet of 75 buses by the end of April.

Spindles For East Punjab

SIMLA, March 2 (UPI): The Government of India have allotted 2,46,508 coarse and fine spindles to the East Punjab Government for distribution to the textile industry in the Province under their Cotton Textile Expansion Plan, says a Press Note.

Famine In Bhal In Eastern Kathiawar

21,000 HUMAN BEINGS AND 13,000 LOWER ANIMALS IN DESPERATE PLIGHT

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT (By Mail): Muni Maharaj Shree Santbalji and his associate welfare workers have recently completed their fact-finding tour to fifty-two villages, which are contending against the triple scarcity of foodgrains, fodder and drinking water, like several among the Saurashtra villages. The investigators have on the strength of their first-hand knowledge of the basic needs of 21,000 human beings and 13,000 lower animals in the Bhal tract thrown out some practical suggestions for providing real relief for the distressed which are well worthy of acceptance by both the Bombay and Saurashtra Governments.

The most disquieting feature of the current famine is the acute scarcity of drinking water. While the lower animals shall have to rest content with brackish water, the human beings shall have to parch their thirst with rationed water rushed to them in motor lorries till the burst of the monsoon in June, the incidental cost being estimated at Rs. 1,00,000.

Next in importance is the question of staving off starvation among the working classes by opening relief works at an aggregate cost of Rs. 1,42,000, in addition to the relief works in progress or under contemplation at a cost of Rs. 1,33,000. To assist the middle class families in distress, it is in the highest degree desirable to distribute considerably more than 300 spinning wheels among them to enable them to eat their breads in the sweat of their brows. Gratuitous relief must be provided for the respectable middle class families suffering in silence at the rate of 30 tolas per head per day from the foodgrains collected from altruistically minded folk pledged to the austerity drive for the benefit of their less favourably circumstanced compatriots. The daily ration for the Labourers must however be raised from 30 to 40 tolas per day sorely needed by them for maintaining themselves in calorific equilibrium, even as it is incumbent on the authorities to raise the daily wages to fourteen annas per head without a resort to "the lore of nicely calculated less or more" in the labourers' hour of need.

Say what a priori reasoners on the top of the official tree will, Muni Maharaj Shree Santbalji scouts the notion of drafting off, say 3,000 lower animals to remote forest areas, as it would require an outlay of Rs. 2,76,516 more than the total outlay required in maintaining 3000 lower animals where they are, let alone the inconveniences of migration and the chapter of accidents. Whenever in the past the dairy animals were sent to migration camps in far off places the casualties has invariably scaled up at least 50 per cent to the prejudice of the supremely important increased food production on the advent of the next monsoon.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN KATHIAWAR

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT (By Mail): Deep distrust of the organisations for the distribution of essential commodities among confiding consumers in Kathiawar has been caused by the authorities' failure to place vested interests on the committees. The members of sub-committees have recently brought the co-operative societies in the Amreli Prant under disrepute by subordinating the public interest to the interests of the societies to which they belong. Such human frailties have marred the distribution of rationed cloth at Rajkot, too, judging from the discontent prevailing among consumers without backstairs influence to ensure preferential treatment who availed themselves of the fourteen cloth ration shops, supervised by the Rajkot cloth Merchants, Mahamandal. Some licensed dealers in cotton piecegoods who made advance payment for the rationed cloth quotas at Rajkot on February 15 have not received their respective quotas while more glibly assertive cloth-dealers received their quotas despite their having asked for them much later than their less influential fellow-dealers in rationed cloth.

Rs. 75,000 Donation For School Building

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, March 1

Sjt. Hansraj Jivandas, a philanthropist, a Lohana Sheth of Jodia under Jamnagar has donated Rs 75,000 for girls' school building and Rs. 25,000 for affording relief to neighbouring scarcity areas

Remedial Measures For Economic Deterioration

SIX-POINT RESOLUTION BEFORE INDIAN CHAMBERS' FEDERATION

NEW DELHI, March 2, (API): The annual session of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, scheduled to meet here tomorrow and the day after (March 3 and 4), will discuss the economic situation in the country and the taxation, food, industrial and export and import policies of the Government.

The draft resolution on taxation, tabled for discussion tomorrow, welcomes the decision to abolish the Capital Gains Tax and accepts the 'modest revision' in the scales of Income and Super-Tax as a "token of the Finance Minister's desire to ease the tax burden in the future".

REMEDIAL MEASURES

The resolution on the general economic situation views with "satisfaction the growing realisation on the part of the Government of India of the gravity of the prevailing economic situation and their refreshing realistic approach to this vexed problem." The resolution suggests the following remedial measures, if the standard of living of the people is not to decline further from its already 'desparately low level':

1. **Creation of favourable conditions for revival of business confidence.**

2. **Adjustment of taxation at such a level as will encourage savings, create incentives for productive investment and arrest dis-savings.**

3. **Removal of all impediments to increased production by way of improvement in transport facilities, assured supplies of raw materials and better labour and capital relationship.**

4. **Increase in the productivity of labour in relation to their wages and introduction of, rationalisation.**

5. **Balancing of the budgets of the central and provincial Governments with a view to narrowing down the wide gap between the Governmental expenditure and income, which should be effected by curtailment of all unproductive expenditure to the minimum and judicious economics in administration.**

6. **Increase in the production of food so as to provide better nourishment to the people and stop the huge drain of foreign exchange.**

Revision of the Government's import policy with a view to safeguarding indigenous industries from the competition of cheap foreign goods, conserving the country's foreign exchange resources and utilising them for imports of capital goods and such essential consumer goods as are either not produced in the country at all or are produced in inadequate quantities.

IMPORT POLICY

On the import policy of the Government, a draft resolution says that unrestricted imports of consumer goods, besides putting unnecessary strain on foreign exchange resources, are likely to cause permanent injury to indigenous industries manufacturing goods of a similar nature. The Federation urges that by a scheme of regulated imports Government should ensure that import licenses are confined only to the extent of the deficiency of local production.

NEED FOR TRADE MISSIONS

The resolution on 'Export Policy' recommends the sending of a trade mission at expert level, particularly to markets vacated by the 'axis' powers and to countries whose markets are in a comparatively undeveloped stage.

A resolution relating to compensation in the event of compulsory acquisition of property has also been tabled.

Increased Tax For Kurla

(From Our Correspondent)

KURLA, March 2.

The Administrator of Kurla, Mr. Chimanlal Shah in a recent official notification anounced a four per cent increase in the rate of taxation for the next financial year to enable him to balance the budget. This is over and above the six per cent increase levied by the now-defunct municipality in October last. The additional levy was necessitated by the abnormal increase in expenditure during recent years. While the Conservancy Establishment cost the town only Rs. 50,959 in 1941-42, it cost Rs. 1,41,647 in 1947/48. The amount expended on dearness alowance was only 6,338 in 1941-42 whereas it amounted to Rs. 93,391 in 1947/48. Primary and Secondary education cost the municipality Rs. 42,000 in 1947/48 as against Rs. 21,000 eight years ago. There was also a heavy rise in the cost of running the Hospital and the maintenance of roads

The citizens Advisory Committee which was recently set up to assist the Administrator held a meeting on Sunday last and passed a resolution protesting against the proposed increase and urging upon the Administrator to drop the proposal.

FAMINE RELIEF IN BROACH

Bombay Visitors' Tribute To Government's Efforts

BOMBAY, March 2 (UPI): "We congratulate the Government of Bombay and its local officers and Congress workers on their heroic struggle in combating the monster of famine and in fulfilling the promise made by the Ministers that they would not allow a single soul to die of starvation." Say Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mrs. Safia Khan and Mrs. Kapila Mehta giving impressions of the famine relief work carried on in Broach district.

They went to see the famine relief work in Broach at the suggestion of the Collector of Broach.

Continuing they say: "Our popular Government is doing its best to save its people, a thing which could not have been done in the past. The co-ordination and co-operation between the Congress workers and Government officers is complete. If there is anything wanting, it is not due to the want of the will on the part of any of them, but on account of circumstances."

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POLICEMAN AND ALLEGED THIEF WOUNDED

BOMBAY Wednesday.

Mohamed Abdulla, who is alleged to have wounded a lone policeman on patrol duty at mid-night yesterday, was remanded to the police custody by Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, at Esplanade Court this morning.

Mohamed Abdulla, according to the police statement in the Court was running in a deserted street at Carnac Road along with two others, when a solitary policeman heard the cry "Thief! Thief!" resound in the air.

The policeman, it was stated, pursued the three alleged thieves and grappled with them but in vain. Some other policemen, however, came to his rescue who, it is alleged, was already wounded on his wrist. In the course of hand-to-hand fight with the assailants, it was further stated, one of the policeman shot the alleged assailant, Mohamed Abdulla, with his revolver and he was later removed to hospital.

The two other alleged assailants, however made good their escape, the police stated.

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To-day's Engagements

G. I. P. RAILWAY ASSOCIATION: Model and Handicrait Exhibition organised by the G. I. P. Railway Technicians' Association. Opening ceremony today, 6 p.m., G. I. P. Railway Institute, Supari Baug Road, Parel.

Telegraph Notification

1. Twenty-eighth February to Third March 1949 will be observed telegraph holidays in Tibet on account of Tibetan new year. Ordinary telegrams to and from Tibet will not be accepted.

2. Remover code and a special code of Pan American World Airways will also be admitted in telegrams to and from Austria.

Lost

A cover containing letters addressed to different persons and a free pass No. 78463 and P. T. Order No. 5788/27 and 28 were lost on 24th last. If found by anybody the same should be returned to Mr. D. M. Davidson, C/o Controller of Stores, G. I. P. Railway, Lower Parel.

Trains' Arrival At Central

With immediate effect the arrival timings at Bombay Central of the under mentioned trains will be as follows:

Meerut Express	7-20
Gujerat Mail	8-40
Rajputana-Sind Mail	9-20
Saurashtra Mail	10-40
Frontier Mail	11-20

Transfer Of Government Grain Shop

A meeting of the Card Holders of the Government Grain Shop No. 186 convened by the Controller of Rationing, Bombay was held on 1st inst. at 7-0 p.m. to consider its transfer to the Bombay Central Consumers' Co-operative Society.

The Rationing Officer (Retails) and the Public Relations Officer representing the Controller of Rationing, Government of Bombay, addressed the Card Holders, who then voted Mr David Shaw to the Chair and unanimously voted in favour of the transfer of the Government Grain Shop No. 186 to the Bombay Central Consumers' Co-operative Society.

Radio

BOMBAY, Thursday, March 3
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5-30 D L Sikligar 5-45 Mulshankar Pathak 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas 6-30 Film Sangeet 7-0 Taslim Khan Razaq Hussain 7-15 Sharanabai Paigankar 7-35 D L Sikligar 7-45 Hindi Sansthano 8-0 Suraiya 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Amritlal Shastri 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Taslim Khan Razaq Hussian 9-30 "Baaykocha Bhau"

Radio Commentary From H.M.I.S. 'Delhi'

The R.I.N. Cruiser H.M.I.S. Delhi is proceeding to Trincomalee, Ceylon for gunnery, torpedo, raider and other exercises on Thursday the 3rd March 1949 at 7-00 a.m. A running commentary by A.I.R. Commentator Mr. L. G. Clark on board the ship will be recorded and will be broadcast later the same day i.e. 3rd March 1949 at 8-30 a.m on Bombay 'A', i.e. 244 and 31.41 Metres.

Radio Telegraph Operators' Examination

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The next quarterly examination for award of certificates of competency as radio telegraph and radio telephone operators will be held at the Abdullah Fazalbhoy Technical Institute, St. Xavier's College, Bombay, commencing on April 25, 1949.

BOMBAY BAN ON RED PERIODICALS

BOMBAY, Wednesday:— The Government of Bombay has issued orders, under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947, prohibiting the publication of the "People's Age" (English), Lokyug (Marathi), Janyug (Gujarati), Navayug (Hindi), Naya Zindgi (Urdu), all of Bombay, and the Janashakti (Kannada) of Dharwar, till March 23, 1949.

The orders were served on Mr. V. M. Kaul, who is editor, printer and publisher of the Bombay periodicals, and on Mr. K. Sadashiv, who is printer and publisher of the Dharwar periodical.

An order has also been served on Mr. Jayant S. Bhatt, keeper of the New Age Printing Press in Bombay prohibiting him from printing any newspaper or periodical at his press till March 23, 1949.

LATE DR. N. F. MOGRELIA

Appeal For Funds By Memorial Committee

Dr. N. F. Mogrelia who died on 9th May, 1948, was a strenuous social worker and the father of the Tardeo Zarthosti Mandal, under whose auspices a store for the supply of grains, etc., to the Parsis and a Free Sewing and Cutting Class are at present run in the Tardeo locality. Dr. Mogrelia had during his lifetime dedicated his devoted services to the cause of the poor Parsis in the Tardeo locality and the Tata, Captain, Gamadia and Murzban Colonies since their very inception. His works and labours both as a Medical practitioner and a staunch social worker have left a mark of grateful memory in every Parsi household in Tardeo locally and all the Colonies nearby. As resolved in the condolence meeting, a fund is being raised. The object in view is to keep alive the memory and the philanthropic work carried out by the good Doctor by placing his 2 large size portraits, one in the Batliwalla Agiari (with the permission of the Trustees) at Tardeo, and the other at the Mandal Stores and Work Class. After defraying the expenses of the portraits, if more funds were available, it is the intention of the Committee to invest the same in Government securities and the interest thereof be utilised for the benefit of the free Sewing and Cutting Work Class conducted by the Mandal, and for such other charitable objects which were dear to the heart of Dr. Mogrelia and for which he so nobly devoted his life for over three decades in the Tardeo locality and round about.

The Committee, therefore, trust you will associate yourself with the noble object by subscribing to the Memorial Fund with a liberal hand, thereby acknowledging and appreciating the noble services of the late Doctor for the poor of our Community, for which the Committee would be very grateful. Subscriptions will be received and acknowledged by the Joint Hon. Treasurers, of N. F. Mogrelia M. F. G., Mr. F. K. Marshall and Mr. S. D. Navsariwalla, Dhanjibhoy Building, 20, Lady Pochkhanawala Road (off Sleater Road, Bombay 7).

MISS KISHORY ON BAIL

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Miss Kishory, was was again wanted by the Police in connection with the death of Mr. Dattatraya Nadkarni, a former Sub-Inspector of Police, surrendered herself before Mr. T. S. Vyas, Presidency Magistrate, today.

She was released on a bail of two sureties of Rs. 20,000 each.

She was allowed bail on condition that she would remain out of Bombay Till the 15th March, 1949.

Mr. K. L. Gauba, with Mr. N. G. Dev and Mr. R. L. Aggarwal appeared for Madame Kishore.

Pak National In Trouble

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Ahmed Paki Ahmed, a national of Pakistan, was produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, at Esplanade Court this morning on the charge of staying in the Indian Dominion beyond the period mentioned in the permit issued by the Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan.

He was bailed out by the Magistrate.

More Foodgrains Reach Bombay

BOMBAY, March 1 (A.P.I.): The "Star of Luxor" with 4,168 tons of rice from Egypt arrived in Bombay port yesterday. The "St. Arvwns" also arrived yesterday with 9.679 tons of maize from Argentine.

Earlier, during the week ended February 27, eight food ships from different countries brought 66,707 tons of foodgrains including 15,238 tons of rice from Siam.

Disbanding Of R.I.N. Police Force

The entire R.I.N. Police staff consisting of about 600 men of all ranks are being discharged from service from 31st March 1949, as per orders of Captain Superintendent of R.I.N. Dockyard.

This Force is in existence for the last 20 years and is entirely to be disbanded, although it has rendered a very good services to India during War and at the time of R.I.N. Mutiny. The staff occupying Government quarters, together with their families will have no place to stay in Bombay or any means of their livelihood after March 49 and thereby forced to form another front of refugees. The Force has approached the Government of India by means of a joint petition to consider their case and to stop the Captain Superintendent disbanding this Force.

'Indian Origin Of Arabic Alphabet'

Under the auspices of the Bombay Historical Society, Dr. Mahdi Hasan will deliver a lecture on the origin of Arabic alphabet from Indian Devanagari, in the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay at 6 p.m. today (Thursday).

PETITION DISMISSED

Requisition Case

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Mangaldas Shivji ..... Petitioner.
vs.
The Province of Bombay and another ..... Respondents.

Observing that the petitioner had obtained the Rule by concealment of material facts and had not been frank with the Court, his lordship dismissed this petition with costs.

The petitioner had resided since November 1947 in a room at Khadak Street, Bombay, as a monthly tenant in a building owned by one Velbai Kanji Jadhavji. The petitioner stated that under medical advice he temporarily resided at Ghatkopar for a few months in order to recoup his health but that he returned to his Bombay premises in June 1948. By a Requisition Order made in November 1948 under section 6 of the Requisition Act of 1948, the petitioner's room was requisitioned and allotted to one Tulsidas Ramji Thakkar. The petitioner then challenged the requisition order and filed the present petition for a writ of crtiorari to quash it. The respondents contended that the petitioner was a mere nominee of the landlady put up in order to conceal a suppressed vacancy. The respondents also took two preliminary objections to the maintainability of the petition.

Upholding both the preliminary objections, his lordship held that the petition was too belated and must fail on account of the delay of over two months (115 L.T. 932), and relying on the decision reported in (1917) I.K. B. 486 his lordship further held that the Rule having been granted on an affidavit which concealed the facts that the petitioner was in the employ of his landlady and that he had not paid rents to her from month to month, must be discharged. His lordship therefore dismissed the petition with costs.

Mr. R. H. Pandia instructed by Messrs. Pandia and Co. appeared for the petitioner.

Mr. M. P. Amin and Mr. R. M. Kantawalla instructed by Messrs. Little and Co. appeared for the respondents.

Mr. N. A. Palkhiwalla instructed by Messrs. Champaklal and Co. appeared for the allottee.

CLOTH DISTRIBUTING CENTRES OPENED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Ten centres for distributing cloth including varieties of hand printed sarees and blouse pieces on ration cloth coupons were opened at the Bombay Swadeshi Market, Kalbadevi Road, this morning.

Mr. Dinkarrao Desai who performed the opening ceremony advised the shopkeepers of the Swadeshi Market to keep the interest of public before them and not to tolerate the black market elements amidst them.

At these centres superfine hand printed sarees with classical designs will be available to customers against the Ration cloth coupons for prices ranging from Rs. 6 to 12.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi presided over the function.

PACIFICISM & WORLD GOVERNMENT

Talk By Mr. Horace Alexander

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CO-OPERATION, THE P.E.N., THE BOMBAY DISCUSSION GROUP AND THE BOMBAY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MR. HORACE ALEXANDER WILL GIVE A TALK ON "PACIFISM AND WORLD GOVERNMENT" AT THE INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER HALL, (OPP. CHURCHGATE STATION), TODAY (THURSDAY), AT 6-15 P.M. SIR RUSTOM MASANI WILL PRESIDE.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, March 2, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1949:—

Weather has been mainly dry over the country.

Night temperatures have risen in Rajputana and the central parts of the country but are still markedly below normal in parts of the east Central Provinces.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 3RD:—Weather will be mainly dry over the country.

No large change in temperatures is expected.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 2, (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st December, 1948, and departure from normal recorded at 8 hours (I. S. T.) on 2/3/49:—

Ahmedabad 100 67 0 0 minus 0.1, Allahabad 87 58 0 1.3 minus 0.5, Bangalore 87 64 0 0.5 minus 0.5, Belgaum 91 68 0 0.1 minus 0.4, BOMBAY 99 71 0 0 minus 0.3, Calcutta 90 62 0 0.1 minus 1.7, Colombo 89 75 0.3 10.9 minus 0.9, Cuttack 93 62 0 0.3 minus 1.1, Dehra Dun 77 54 0 8.4 plus 2.5, Delhi 85 56 0 0.9 minus 1.4, Hyderabad (Dn.) 93 59 0 0 minus 1.0, Lahore — 53 0 3.5 plus 0.9, Lucknow 86 55 0 1.5 minus 0.3, Madras — 71 0 1.7 minus 5.6, Mahabaleshwar 85 66 0 0 minus 0.5, Mussoorie 67 54 0 7.3 minus 0.5, Nagpur 94 58 0 0 minus 1.5, Ootacamund 70 42 0 1.0 minus 2.5, Pachmarhi 85 52 0 0.5 minus 1.3, Peshawar 83 — 0 4.2 plus 0.5, Poona 95 58 0 0 minus 0.3, Quetta 60 37 0 1.4 minus 3.6, Rajkot 102 61 0 0 minus 0.2, Rawalpindi 78 50 0 6.5 plus 0.5, Shillong 87 42 0 2.5 plus 0.7, Sholapur 95 67 0 0 minus 0.7, Simla 61 51 0 5.5 minus 1.5.

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RICE SCARCITY IN ASIAN COUNTRIES

Danger Of Starvation For Millions

POLITICAL TURMOIL HOLDS UP CULTIVATION IN BURMA

WASHINGTON, MARCH 2 (PTI-REUTER): THE DANGER OF STARVATION CONTINUES TO CONFRONT THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO DEPEND SUBSTANTIALLY ON RICE FOR THEIR FOOD. THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION WARNED IN THE LATEST RICE BULLETIN ISSUED TODAY. IT POINTS OUT THAT MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE DEFICIT AREAS OF ASIA CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ONLY A FRACTION OF THE AMOUNT OF RICE THEY ATE BEFORE THE WAR.

The highlights of the problem are:

(1). World production of rough rice (paddy) in 1948-49 of approximately 145,000 000 tons is 2.4 million tons greater than in the previous year but 2.9 million tons below the pre-war average.

(2). Population in the rice-eating areas increased by nearly 100,000,000 in the decade 1939-48. This increased consumption requirements are 10 per cent over the pre-war average.

DEFICIT AREAS INCREASE

(3). The deficit areas of the world have increased. The surplus rice available for export in 1949, however, is less than one half of the quantity which moved in international trade before the war.

(4) Wholesale prices of rice have everywhere increased at least 300 per cent of the pre-war level.

(5). The rice shortage has induced the major deficit countries to import increased supplies of wheat, maize, barley, and millets as substitutes. The supply position of these grains has improved. Because of this and the growing disparity between prices of rice and other cereals, rice may lose some ground in competitive markets.

These unfavourable supply conditions persist, although rice-growing countries have made notable headway toward increasing the rice areas planted.

Since 1948-47 the world area under rice has exceeded the pre-war average. In 1948-49 the cultivated area is estimated at 6.177 million acres above that average.

Ordinarily, so substantial an increase in planted area would be accompanied by a corresponding increase in production. But unfavourable weather, shortages of agricultural equipment and use of submarginal land have combined to yield unexpectedly low harvests for a succession of years.

ASIA'S POSITION

In Asia the planted area is estimated to have reached the pre-war level in 1948-49. The continent's production is still 6.2 million tons below the average of the years just before the war.

Area and production in the three principal rice exporting countries—Burma, Siam and Indo-China—have increased from the low levels of 1946-47. Aggregate production is still 8.5 per cent below pre-war. Lower production, increased domestic acquirements, and inadequate transport and marketing facilities have cut the exportable surplus to a fraction of the pre-war trade.

POLITICAL DISTURBANCES

Political disturbances in Burma and Indo-China have slowed down the restoration of abandoned land to cultivation. Generally they have retarded recovery in production and exports. Conditions for an expansion of production are relatively favourable in Siam, which has yet to restore rice area and production to the peak of 1943-44. Pre-war levels have been exceeded, however.

In the surplus producing countries of Africa and the western hemisphere, after a remarkable expansion stimulated by wartime demand and post-war high prices, area and output have tended to stabilise.

WORLD EXPORTS

World exports in 1948, which totalled 3.3 million tons (milled rice), were 5.2 (million tons) below the pre-war average. Indications are that total exports in 1949 will show only a slight increase over 1948 shipments.

The reported increase of world rice area must show a proportionate increase in crop yield, given favourable weather, says the bulletin.

An increase of 3,000,000 tons in world output of paddy in the next 2 years was feasible even on the basis of existing planted area.

But an increase of world paddy production even by 10,000,000 tons, within the next 2 years as forecast will still leave unsolved the problems of raising average rice consumption to the pre-war level. Also unsolved would be equitable distribution from surplus to deficit areas.

The bulletin notes that the Governments of the major rice-producing and consuming countries, have assumed direct responsibility for expanding production. It declares: "Greater national efforts and closer international co-operation are needed if the underdeveloped countries of the world are to achieve a reasonable standard of nutrition".

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SURPLUS BUDGET FOR ORISSA

New Capital To Cost 104 Lakhs

CUTTACK, March 2, (UPI):— A revenue surplus of Rs. 13.91 lakhs has been disclosed in the budget of the Orissa Government for the year 1949-50 presented in the Orissa Legislative Assembly today by Mr. Harekrishna Mahtab, Premier, who also holds the Finance Portfolio.

The total revenue has been estimated at Rs. 890.00 lakhs and expenditure charged to revenue at Rs. 876.09 lakhs.

The Premier, however, remarked that this revenue surplus might not materialise, if the assumed increased subvention or special grants from the Centre should not be forthcoming.

ENHANCING TAXATION

The Premier announced that he would bring, before the House, legislative proposals for increasing the taxation on motor vehicles, adhesive stamps, agricultural income and sales, with a view to augmenting the revenue.

COST OF NEW CAPITAL

A provision of Rs 1.04.29,519 has been made in the budget for the construction of the new capital at Bhubaneswar. He hoped that it would be possible to shift to the new capital within a year.

Under Rural Welfare, Government have decided to start eight ashrams, four residential schools for boys, 200 Seva Ashrams, 12 training centres to train workers and 200 night schools for adults, 200 night schools for boys, six centres for visual training etc.

A sum of Rs. 122 lakhs has been provided for refugee rehabilitation, which would, however, be recovered from the Centre.

BUDGET FOR STATES

Referring to the budget for the States', the Premier said that the total receipts from the States are Rs. 3,06,05,000.

GOPALRAO KHEDKARS ELECTION HELD VALID

NAGPUR, March 2 (UPI): A telegram received here from New Delhi says that the Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya has rejected the election petition filed by twenty members of the Vidarbha Provincial Congress Committee against the election of Dr. Gopalrao Khedkar, M.L.A., and held his election as valid.

It may be recalled that Mr. S. K. Patil, President, Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, conducted an inquiry into the complaint under instructions from the then Congress President.

ORISSA TO TAKE 25,000 REFUGEES

CALCUTTA, March 2 (UPI): The Orissa Government have agreed to take 25,000 East Bengal refugees for the present. It will take some more refugees later on.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY DEDICATES GANDHI MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ITHACA, New York, March 2: A Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Library, consisting of 500 books on the life and teachings of the great Indian leader, donated by the Hindustan Association of Cornell University to the university library, has been dedicated in impressive ceremonies held in one of the large campus auditoriums.

R. R. Saksena, India's Consul-General in New York, attended the ceremonies as official representatives of India. Col. Unni Nayar, First Secretary and Public Relations at the Indian Embassy, was also among the 200 University officials, professors and students attending the ceremonies.

"The establishment of this library," Saksena told the gathering, "will bring our two countries closer together. It will serve as a constant reminder to students at Cornell of what a great Indian has done and achieved."

The Consul-General also reviewed the life and teachings of Gandhiji in his address.

Presentation of the books, many of which were displayed on a large table in the auditorium, was made by the President of the Hindustan Association.

In his acceptance speech, University provost Cornelius Willem Dekiewiet expressed the gratitude of the University and strongly advocated exchange of thoughts and ideas between India and the United States. The provost called on the alumni of Cornell, particularly the Indian alumni, for generous support to maintain and increase the Memorial Library.

AUTOGRAPHED BY NEHRU

One of the books, Saksena noted, was the autobiography of Gandhiji with a personal autograph of Prime Minister Nehru. It had been presented to Cornell by an American woman to whom it belonged. Indian students have raised a fund which will be used to purchase more books.

The night before the presentation, a dinner in honour of Saksena was held by the Hindustan Association, which represents 40 Indian students now studying at Cornel. An Indian meal prepared by the students was served to the guests, who included many University professors.

Following the dinner, a series of motion pictures on India's heritage, brought by Col. Nayar, were shown. They were on India's architectural achievements, the dances of India and the handicrafts of India.

Part Of Belgian Congo Uranium For Britain

BRUSSELS, March 2 (UPI): Ten percent of the Belgian Congo uranium output-about 500 tons or one-twentieth of the world's production—is being sent to Britain.

This was revealed by Prof. Max Cosyns, Director of the Brussels Nucleus Energy Research Centre.

Prof. Cosyns violently attacked the Belgian Government because uranium is sold at ridiculously low prices.

A commentator had said that every year Belgium is making America a present of between 15 and 30 billion francs.

Prof. Cosyns pointed out that although the Congo production represents one-half of the world output, not one ounce of uranium goes to Belgium scientific institutes.

According to a secret agreement signed in 1941, Belgium is selling her total output to the States.

FIVE WITHDRAW CONFESSIONS WITH MINDSZENTY CASE

BUDAPEST, March 1, (U.P.A.): Five of the 13 defendants charged with black-market operations, in connection with the case of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, withdrew their confessions to the police today, saying that they had been "intimidated".

MOVE IN C. P. TO SEPARATE JUDICIARY FROM EXECUTIVE

NAGPUR, March 1, (A.P.I.) Pandit D. P. Mishra, Home Minister of C. P. and Berar told the Provincial Legislative Assembly today that the Government would shortly appoint a Committee to consider and frame a scheme for the separation of judiciary from the executive in the province.

EX-PREMIER FOR WHITE AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, March 1, (PTI-Reuter):— Mr. William Hughes, 84-year-old Commonwealth Prime Minister in world War I and now a member of the Liberal Party, said tonight he could not reconcile the Australian Government's attitude in foreign affairs and its adherence to the "White Australia" policy.

"Is the Government for the Whites or is it for the coloured peoples?", he asked in the House of Representatives.

"I hope we shall never see this world divided into two hostile camps, but if it is divided then I am for the Whites and I think everyone in this Parliament and nine out of ten outside must support my view".

Mr. Hughes said he believed in a White Australia, which was not a gesture of defiance but a policy of defence.

"We cannot be for a White Australia and at the same time champion the Indonesians grouped behind Dr. Soekarno, President of the so-called Indonesian Republic," he said.

The Dutch in Dutch New Guinea and the rest of the East Indies had been very good friends for many years and he could not see why "we should let them down".

Mr. Hughes was speaking on the second reading debate of the New Guinea bill, under which Australia will control New Guinea as trustee for the United Nations. Australia prevfously controlled New Guinea under the League of Nations mandate.

Australia Trusts In U.S. Backing In Pacific

CANBERRA, March 2, (PTI-Reuter):— Australia believes America will give serious and favourable consideration to intervention in the event of a conflict in the Pacific, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, told the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Chifley was replying to questions about a statement made in Sydney yesterday by Brigadier-General Robert Travis, General Officer Commanding the United States Pacific Air Command, now on a goodwill visit to Australia.

Gen. Travis told reporters: "You can take it from me that in the event of a future 'showdown' we will be with the British Commonwealth."

INDIA'S REPLY TO W. F. T. U.

LAKE SUCCESS, March 2 (PTI-Reuter).—India's delegate to the Economic and Social Council today replied to recent allegations against India's labour policy made by the World Federation of Trade Unions.

Mr. B. R. Sen, India, told the Council that while he did not propose to answer specific charges made by the W.F.T.U. against India, he would bring these points to the Council's attention: (1) The Indian Government gives workers full freedom of association and the right to organise.

(2) It is "wholly untrue" to say that 15,000 persons have been imprisoned for trade union activities.

The total number of trade union workers under detention is 14 and the total of Communists is 1,500.

London Police Looking For Stowaway

LONDON, March 2, (PTI-Reuter):— Police were looking for a man who arrived in Britain as a "stowaway" among a load of cauliflowers sent by train from Italy by way of Holland.

The man had cleared a corner of one of the train wagons for himself and spent the five-day journey on a bed of straw and sacking.

On arrival last night at a London goods station, he stepped out of the truck, carrying a suitcase, asked porters about trains to Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and walked off. The traveller left behind him a hamper with two bottles of wine and five loaves of bread.

Big U.S. Combines Fined

WASHINGTON, March 1 (PTI-Reuter): Three of America's biggest commercial combines and three of their directors have been fined a total of 43,000 dollars for engaging in a world-wide cartel to eliminate competition in titanium pigments. United States Attorney-General Tom Clark disclosed to-day.

WORLD GROUP TO PROTECT STORED GRAIN URGED ON FAO

Cali Conference Recommendations

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A permanent organization to head a continuing world-wide program to protect stored grain against damage by molds, insects and rodents soon will be urged upon the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation.

The proposal is contained in resolutions adopted at the recent Conference on Problems of Grain Storage, sponsored by FAO, which was held at Cali Colombia, and attended by representatives of Canada, France, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States and most Latin American countries.

Terming the Cali conference an "unqualified success" Dr. H. E. Gray of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, who lectured at Cali at FAO's invitation, said on his arrival here that the following resolutions were adopted to promote grain protection:

1. That government without services dealing with infestation establish such services at once:

2. That government undertake surveys to lay a basis for adequate control work:

3. That each country be responsible for control measures within its own borders:

4. That each country export only products which are free from infestation and contamination;

5. That FAO make information available to all countries to aid them in their control efforts; and

6. That FAO convene another conference so that an organization can be set up with its own offices and with at least one delegate from each country meeting annually to discuss advances made in each country in control work. It was suggested that action along this line might be taken at the fifth annual FAO conference to be held at Havana next November.

Dr. Gray said that a more detailed report on the Cali conference will be made by Stephen Easter FAO entomologist who acted as Secretary General, on his return to Washington.—USIS

GAUDIYA MISSION

Special Congregations of the members of Gaudiya Mission (Regd.) will be held at Sri Gaudiya Math Baghbazar, Calcutta, at 9-30 a.m. on 14-2-49 and at 8-30 a.m. on 15-2-49 to amend the Articles of Association Nos. 29, 29A and 62, and to confirm the same respectively.

GWALIOR, March 3—Srimati Aruna Asaf Ali had an interview yesterday with the Premier and Deputy Premier of Madhyabharat regarding release of 100 Satyagrahis of Bhind movement.

W.H.O. BOARD APPROVES 1950 PROJECTS

$21,769,300 Budget Proposed

LAKE SUCCESS, March 2.—The World Health Organization has announced approval by its executive board meeting in Geneva, of two major projects for its 1950 health program: A vast malaria control project, and the creation of three health demonstration areas.

The large-scale malaria control plan, approved by the board aims at complete eradication — especially in major food-producing areas — with modern DDT residual spraying. WHO demonstration teams will spearhead regional control work and train local personnel for follow-through activities.

The health demonstration areas to be set up within two of WHO's regional areas will embrace the whole field of preventive medicine and disease eradication. The specific activities in any area will depend upon its particular needs and circumstances. WHO instructors within these areas will strive for planned, permanent development.

Methods of financing the 1950 WHO program have not yet been approved, but the proposed budget of about dol. 21,769 500 includes a regular operating budget of dol 8,150,111, to be contributed by member states and a supplementary operating figure of dol. 13,619,180, to be sought from voluntary contributions by various governments. This supplementary figure would probably cover advisory and technical services.—USIS

EXCISE POLICE FOR AHMEDABAD MILLS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 2.

Excise police watch has been posted in all mills of Ahmedabad as India Government has proposed another duty of two pies per yard on medium and coarse cloth. The Excise officials have asked the mills not to pack bales of medium and coarse cloth till the duty is paid.

POLICE OPEN FIRE

The police opened fire on a gang engaged in the illegal transaction of liquor early this morning in Ellis Bridge locality in Navrangpura. The gang threw stones at the police and the police opened fire. None was injured.

MILDEWED MONEY

The courtiers of a foolish king of Avadh used to cheat him thus: "Sire," they would say, "the money in your treasury is mildewed. With your permission we will air and sun it." The king agreed. The money was kept out in the sun but when it was brought back to the treasury, there was barely a half left. When the king asked for the reason, "Sire," his courtiers answered, "some of the mildewed coins shrank in the sun and we threw away the rotten ones."

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Weeke's Century In Festival Cricket

PHADKAR BAGS 6 WKTS.

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Nothing but the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, as a mark of respect to whose memory a minute's silence was observed at noon by both the sides out in the middle, and the lack of enterprise befitting a frivolous match by the Indians marred the two-day match between H.E. the Governor's XI and a W Indian side calculated to serve as the cricketers' tribute to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

After the first forty minutes during which Stollmeyer and Rae were forced to be on the defensive by the use of such of bowlers as Bannerji and Phadkar, the West Indians slogged at almost everything and were able to declare their innings closed at 288 for the loss of ten wickets in this twelve-a-side-match. Whereas the visitors made run-getting their sole concern, the local side persisted with Phadkar, to the detriment of such varied and untried bowling talent as might have been discovered. Rae often ambled down the pitch to play Phadkar and in doing so sometimes played the ball with his wrong foot forward.

Weekes got a hundred and his entire innings lasted 136 minutes. He attacked the bowling splendidly and the ball before he was dismissed sent Phadkar soaring towards long on her the only sixer of the day.

But the best innings of the day was that of Christiani who was at the crease for only 48 minutes during which he scored 1 runs. Umrigar brought off two good catches, of which one was really a great catch, the one that dismissed Atkinson at long on.

If Indian bowling had failed to enter the spirit of the game, the Indian batting failed to an even greater extent. The Governor opened the innings for his side and was duly treated to a 'trial' ball by Goddard who bowled under-arm to celebrate the occasion. His Excellency, showing considerable agility and keenness for a person of his age was dismissed almost reluctantly by the West Indian skipper when he accepted a catch at silly-mid-off.

Nimbalkar made a few hefty and powerful strokes before he was dismissed and Nayudu had to return to the pavilion when he appeared to be set for some big hits.

Both the catches which Walcott made today were magnificent. The first, off Modi, was low towards his left travelling fast as it was a stroke and the other was a very powerful square-cut which went in the air to be snatched by Walcott's outstretched right hand at gully.

With Mustaq Ali still batting there might still be some fireworks at the Stadium where a possible finish of the match in two days is indicated.

THE SCORE-BOARD

THE WEST INDIES XII

Ra run out	21
Stollmeyer b Phadkar	19
Walcott c Nimbalkar b Phadkar	7
Weekes b Phadkar	116
Christiani b Modi	67
Rickards lbw b Phadkar	26
Atkinson c Umrigar b Phadkar	15
McWatt c Phadkar b Bannerji	2
Trim not out	4
Goddard c Nimbalkar b Bannerji	0
Gomez c Umrigar b Phadkar	0
Jones did not bat	
Extras	11
Total (for 10 wkts.) declared	288

Fall of wickets: 1/33, 2/42, 3/68, 4/185, 5/244, 6/279, 7/284, 8/286 9/286 and 10/288.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phadkar	17.1	1	88	6
Bannerji	12	0	50	2
Hazare	5	0	35	0
Elahi	7/	0	49	0
Modi	4	1	22	1
Naidu	4	0	19	0
The Yuvraj of Baroda	2	0	14	0

H.E. RAJA SIR MAHARAJ SINGH'S XI

H.E. Raja Sir Maharaj Singh c Goddard b Stollmeyer	17
Modi c Walcott b Stollmeyer	29
Nimbalkar c Walcott b Atkinson	48
Naidu c Gomez b Atkinson	12
Hazare c McWatt b Walcott	8
Phadkar batting	15
Mushtaq Ali batting	0
Bannerji, Elahi, Balendu Shah, The Yuvraj of Baroda and Raj Singh to bat	
Extras	.. 8
Total (for 5 wkts.)	137

Fall of wickets: 1/41, 2/54, 3/97, 4/122 and 5/126.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goddard	2	0	18	0
Stollmeyer	13	4	48	2
Walcott	10	0	27	1
Atkinson	10	1	31	2
Rae	1	0	5	0

Umpires—Messrs A. B. DeMello and V. M. Merchant.

Reduction In Rates Of Gandhi Match

BOMBAY, Wednesday (UPI): According to an announcement from the Congress House Bombay, the rates of tickets to the Brabourne Stadium where West Indies are playing cricket match against the Governor's Eleven, in aid of the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund for tomorrow will be two rupees for Gymkhana Stand and one rupee for East Stand.

A SECTION OF PROMINENT MEN WHO ATTENDED THE MATCH. THE PICTURE SHOWS MAJ. GEN. BRAR AND MR. B. G. KHER, PREMIER OF BOMBAY. KEENLY WATCHING THE GAME.

Miller's Surprise Omission

AUSTRALIAN TEAM TO TOUR SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCED

SYDNEY, March 2. (PTI-Reuter): By not including Keith Miller, and in a slightly lesser degree Doug Ring, among the players to tour South Africa later this year the Australian selectors have dropped a minor bombshell in Australian cricketing circles.

Miller commented: "I am not worried about it. I half expected it."

The team is as follows:—

K. Archer, Neil Harvey, A. Lindsay Hassett, Ian Johnson, Bill Johnston, Ray Lindwall, Sam Loxton, C. McCool, Jack Moroney, Arthur Morris, G. Noblet, Ron Saggers, Don Tallon and A. Walker.

Some cricket writers when the team was announced, speculated as to whether the selectors, by dropping Miller had taken disciplinary action based on an opinion that he had failed on the field, to do full justice to his great powers.

The "Sydney Sun" cricket writer said: "First class cricketers who were present when the team was announced were shocked at the selector's non-inclusion of Miller. Miller's omission is more surprising because Loxton is in the team and Miller would universally be accepted as a greater player than Loxton."

For the Day's Sport

HOCKEY
Association Ground
5-30 p.m. Greens vs. Bombay City (Women's League)
CRICKET
Brabourne Stadium
10-30 a.m. Festival Match (Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund)
BOXING
Cooperage
Western India Boxing Championships (Juniors—Finals)

VOORHEES NAMED TO OCCUPATION POST

WASHINGTON, March 2—Assistant Secretar, of the Army Tracy S. Voorhees has assumed responsibility for occupied areas, formerly held by Under Secretary William H. Draper, resigned.—U.S.I.S.

Berlin Mayor To Visit U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 2—Ernst Reuter, mayor of Berlin, will visit the United States later this month as a guest of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. He is scheduled to leave Germany by air March 18 and return to Berlin during the first week in April.

The Governor's Side Going Out To Field

Rani Maharaj Singh watching the match

P. KHATAU IMPRESSES

W. I. Boxing Championships

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Western India Junior Boxing Championships commenced at the Cooperage this evening and the qualifying rounds were gone through. Three finals were decided—two in the "A" Class, whilst one in the "B" Class.

These Junior boxing championships are a stimulant to the healthy fighting qualities of the youngsters and the number of youngsters that filled the stands and vociferously applauded their representatives, shows that they have an early interest already in the sport of pulgilism.

Special mention must be made of P. Khatau of D. M. P. G. Institute, who displayed his ability of boxing which was quite above the average. Khatau possesses a good style and good footwork. He is the fast type and will be a good boxer as he gains with experience.

Practically, all the fights proved average, but for three of them where the referee had to stop the fight as the boxers could take no more of a beating. Then in one fight the referee disqualified Govind (D.S.I.S.) for hitting A. Constell (MacCabi) with the inside of his glove. Only one knock out was registered, when R. G. Paynts proved too good for Cadet Mazumdar in the first round.

The following are the results:

Junior Class 'A' (5 Stone and under)
Ahmed (D.S.I.S.) beat W. Page (B. H.S.) on points.

Junior Class 'A' (5 st. 7lbs. and under)
S. Khatau (D.M.P.G.I.) beat Kondaya (D.S.I.S.) on points. Khandiya (D.S.I.S.) beat J. Irani (D.M.P.G.I.) on points.

Junior Class 'A' (6st. 7lbs. and under)
K. Irani (D.M.P.G.I.) beat V. Coutinho (N.N.H.) the latter disqualified in the first round. A. Caustell (MacCabi) beat Govind (D.S.I.S.) the latter disqualified for hitting with inside of the glove in 2nd round.

Junior Class 'A' (7st. and under)
A. Joseph (D.S.I.S.) beat S. Moolgauker (C.B.H.S.) on points.

Junior Class 'B' (6st. 7lbs. and under)
Luxman (D.S.I.S.) beat B. Fernandes (N.N.H.) the latter being disqualified in 2nd round.

Junior Class 'B' (7st. and under)
E. Isaac (Maccabi) beat R. Jones (B.H.S.) on points, and later E. Isaac (Maccabi) beat D. Townsend (M.M.V) on points.

Junior Class 'B' (7st. 7lbs. and under)
P. Khatau (D.M.P.G.I.) beat Cadet S. Sethna (Dufferin) the latter being disqualified in 1st round and later P. Khatau (D.M.P.G.I.) beat T. Hymes (B.H.S.) the latter being disqualified in the 1st round. J. D'Souza (N.N.H) beat Cadet E. Adams (Dufferin) the latter retiring at the end of 1st round on medical grounds. Umer Lia (D.S.I.S.) beat M. Jones (Rangers) on points.

Junior Class 'B' (8st. and under)
E. Jacob (Maccabi) beat Cadet J. Puar (Dufferin) on points. D. Taylor (B.H.S.) walk-over Cadet M. DeSilva (Dufferin) the latter being medically unfit.

Junior Class 'B' (8st. 7lbs. and under)
R. G. Poynts (C.C.H.S.) beat Cadet Mazumdar (Dufferin) knocked out in 1st round.

FINALS

Junior Class 'A' (6st. and under)
C. Nicholls (CCHS) beat N. Jones (BHS) on points.

Junior Class 'A' (8st. and under)
D. Playfair (CCHS) beat B. Panton (Rangers) on points.

Junior Class 'B' (9st and under)
C. Murray (CCS) beat Cadet D'Souza (Dufferin) on points.

Abbreviation's explained:
B.H.S.—Barnes High School (Delali)
C.C.H.S.—Christ Church High School.
D.M.P.G.I.—Dinshaw M. Petit G. Institute.
N.N.H. — Nagpada Neighbourhood House.
D.S.I.S.—David Sassoon Industrial School.

Indian Boxer Defeated

PORTLAND, OREGON March 2. (PTI-Reuter): Harold Dade of Chicago scored a tecanical knockout against Aaron Joshua of Calcutta in a fight arranged for ten rounds here last night, Joshua failing to answer the bell for the fifth round.

Dade weighed exactly nine stone, to be one pound lighter than Joshua who had a cut opened over his left eye in the fourth round after the two fighters had slugged four rounds of fast action.

When Joshua failed to come out for the fifth round the referee, after conferring with the boxing commission's physician, awarded the bout to Dade.

DADO MARINO OUTPOINTED

NEW YORK, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): Manuel Ortiz, the world bantamweight champion, retained his title in Honolulu last night when he outpointed Dado Marino of the Philippines.

Ortiz had a slight weight advantage with eight stones six pounds to eight four and a half and though Marino was game he was outclassed.

They traded punches for most of the first nine rounds but Ortiz set up a terrific attack from the tenth striving hard for a knock out.

Sometimes he landed as many as half a dozen lefts and rights to Marino's face in quick succession but Marino held on grimly though at the finish his face presented a horrible picture and one eye was closed.

Judges gave Ortiz ten rounds, Marino two with three even.

Ortiz showed no ill effects from his hard training and the steam bath treatment necessary to reduce his weight.

Marshall Restored To Active Army List

WASHINGTON, March 2—President Truman has approved action by the Army to restore General of the Army George C. Marshall to the active list. The Army said the action involves no actual active-duty assignment for Marshall.

Marshall was placed on the retired list, when he became Secretary of State in January 1947. The President's approval of his reinstatement to the active list was under the authority of legislation enacted by the 80th Congress exempting five-star Generals from mandatory retirement because of age, thus providing lifetime appointments.

Marshall is presently at his North Carolina home and has told reporters that he has no plans whatever as to the future.—USIS.

ANNAM LEADERS ASSASSINATED

Incident At Hue

SAIGON, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): Two leading Annamese Nationalists, not connected with Dr. Ho Chi-Minh' Vietminh (Extreme Nationalist) party, have been assassinated and a third skidnapped in Hue, ancient capital of Annam, French Indo-China in the past few days.

Tran Dinh Hank, brother of Tran Dinh Que, physician and adviser to ex-Emperor Bao Dai and Cao Huu Thoung, Vice-President of the Vietnamese National Rally, (a group of small parties) were assassinated.

Un Guy, father of Buu Hoi, a well-known chemist now living in France, was carried off, along with his family.

Bao Dai, who is returning to Indo-China as head of the state of Vietnam this month, is expected to reside in Hue.

Tear Gas For Akali Processionists

PATIALA, March 2 (A.P.I.): Akali Sikhs took out a procession today to protest against the arrest of Master Tara Singh in defiance of the prohibitory order. The processionists had hardly gone about fifty yards when the police dispersed them by using tear gas.

Three Akalis Arrested

JULLUNDUR, March 2 A.P.I.): Three Akali Sikhs were arrested here this afternoon, when they took out a procession in defiance of the East Punjab Government's ban on processions.

36 ARRESTS IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, March 2 (API): 36 persons were arrested this morning near Gurdwara Singh Chandni Chowk when they attempted to stage a demonstration in protest of the arrest of Master Tara Singh.

Truman Launches 1949 Red Cross Drive

WASHINGTON, March 2—President Truman hopes the American people will meet and oversubscribe the dol. 60,000,000 collection goal for 1949 of the American Red Cross.

The President's appeal was made in a nation-wide radio broadcast Monday night inaugurating the annual ARC fund-raising campaign. The program also featured addresses by General Dwight D. Eisenhower and other national figures.

During the past year the ARC sent relief supplies valued at dol. 100,000,000 to disaster victims in nine foreign countries: France, India, Pakistan, French Reunion Island, West Africa, Colombia, Haiti, Egypt, and Rumania. About dol. 6,000,000 worth of supplies and equipment was made available to sister Red Cross societies around the world, recovering from the war.

A program by which over 80 visitors from 43 foreign countries were brought to the United States to observe methods here was also carried out by the ARC.

Eisenhower praised the spirit behind the ARC during the war.

BANGKOK March 1 (UPA): Seven persons reportedly have been arrested in connection with the abortive week-end revolt in which an estimated 50 persons were killed or wounded.

World's Leading Players Meet At Harringay

MALAYANS' GOOD PROSPECTS

LONDON, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): Malayans, Indians, Americans, Danes and all told, competitors of nine nations begin today their bid to capture All-England badminton titles in Harringay Arena, fameu for its big boxing contests and capable of holding 10,000 spectators.

The chamionships have often been considered the counterpart of Wimbledon's Lawn Tennis titles and emblematic of the World Championships but this year with a record entry of 176 players and virtually every shuttle ace in the world competing they can definitely be described as such.

The highlights of the championship will be the men's singles. Will Freeman, the Californian doctor, show that his form during the Thomas Cup was no fluke and keep his record of being undefeated in ten years? Or will one of the brilliant Malayans Wong Peng Soon or Ooi Teik Hock, untrammelled from cares of the Thomas Cup contest prove too good for him? Just how well will holder Joern Skaarup of Denmark play after his mercurial Thomas Cup displays and can the Indians Davinder Mohan or George Lewis provide a surprise? These are some of the questions to be answered at Harringay.

Unfortunately Wong and Freeman are in the same half of the draw with Davinder Mohan and the Dane Poul Holm. In the lower half are Ooi Skaarup the tireless American Artem Mendez and Nils Jonson of Sweden. It looks as if the semi-finals will be Wong versus Freeman and Ooi versus Skaarup but there may always be an upset.

Though Wong was defeated by Freeman at Glasgow, the Singapore champion was not at his best that night, suffering from an injured right shoulder which prevented his smashing properly and generally hindered him. Moreover the Californian doctor is in the position of having a deputation to keep up which, except to a man of iron nerves, is something of an ordeal.

Wong appears to have the harder task to reach the semifinals as he has Davinder Mohan in the same quarter, although both receive byes into the second round as does Freeman.

In the second half Ooi is another to receive a bye. Byes are also received by Skaarup and the volatile American Carl Loveday who meets Skaarup in his second match if both win their first as they should.

Mendez has a tough first round match against one of the Malayan doubles players Yoeh Teck Chye who is also a first class singles player. Lewis meets the Scottish international A. L. Macintrye in the first round.

The women's singles looks certain to go to Denmark, either to the holder lefthanded Kirsten Thorndahl, or the blonde Tonny Ahm who are in opposite halves of the draw.

The men's doubles, on the form shown in Glasgow and Preston in the Thomas Cup, should go to Malaya through Chan Kon Leong and Yeoh Tech Chye popularly known as "father and son" because thel are the oldest and youngest members of the Malayan Thomas Cup team.

Other strong pairs are the Americans Freeman and Wynn Rogers and Loveday and Mendez, the Indians Davinder Mohan and Mugwe, the Danes Skaarup and Preben Dabbelsteen and the Malayan second pair Ooi Teick Hock and Teoh Seng Khoon. The two Malayan pairs who are in opposite halves of the draw may well meet in the final.

The women's doubles looks a good thing for the Danes Thorndahl and Ahm who are playing together. If they win as expected they will win the trophy outright as they have taken the title the last two years.

The mixed doubles are very open but perhaps Chan Kong Leong who is partnered by Helen Leong will win and take a second title. He is perhaps the most experienced mixed doubles player in the entry. Their most formidable opponents may be the Americans Clinton Stephens and his wife Patsy, holders of the American mixed doubles title. Another very strong pair will be Skaarup and Kirsten Thorndahl.

At one time Britain used to win every title. This year she will be lucky to get any player in the semi-finals although this is possible in the women's doubles, in which Mrs. H. S. Uber and Queenie Allen have a good chance.

There has been a keen demand for tickets for the finals on Saturday afternoon.

U. S. Atomic Agency Augments Cancer Research Aid

WASHINGTON,—The U. S. Atomic Energy Commission will make available to qualified cancer research workers in the United States without charge all radioisotopes now being sold.

Under AEC's cancer research program three radioisotopes—those of the elements iodine, phosphorus and sodium—were previously available free of production costs for use in cancer research.

The new policy will make available on a similar basis the radioisotopes of more than 50 additional elements. Notable among these is that of the element cobalt which promises to become an effective substitute for radium, the rare and expensive naturally radioactive substance that has been used in cancer research and treatment for many years. Two other important cancer research materials that will now be available are the radioisotopes of the elements gold and carbon, the AEC announcement stated.

It said that the new program has been made possible through improvement of isotope production techniques at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and at the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago. The majority of Commission-produced radioisotopes, useful in industry and agriculture as well as biology and medicine, are made in the nuclear chain-reacting pile, or "atomic furnace" at Oak Ridge.

VALUABLE RESEARCH TOOLS

AEC explained that radioisotopes are ordinary chemical elements made radioactive by exposing them to the intense radiations existing within a nuclear chain-reacting pile. When these materials become radioactive they emit atomic radiations that make them valuable to cancer researchers for two main reasons.

1 A research worker may trace the movement of different materials in the body and determine new facts about the nutrition of cancers, and what materials nourish them and make them grow.

2 Since radiations emitted by radioisotopes may be used to destroy living cells, scientists hope to develop means for concentrating them in cancerous tissue and thus selectively destroying such tissue.

An AEC official said the new action making all radioisotopes available without charge will result in a significant enlargement of the Commission's four-point cancer program. This program, announced last March, has as its basic objective the development of the use of radioactive substances in studies of the nature of cancer, its diagnosis and treatment.

Cattle-Breeders' Demands And Plans

NEW DELHI, March 2. (UPI): The second All-India Cattle-Breeders' Conference which met during the last three days at the All-India Cattle Show grounds at Rajghat Delhi, concluded its session today.

Among the important resolutions passed were decisions to approach the Central and Provincial Governments to grant lands for cattle breeding farms, to develop and multiply useful cattle breeds which have been lost to India, because of partition of the country, to organize Animal Husbandry Departments in new Unions of States, to establish an adequate agency to give effect to the resolutions passed in the conference and to restrict the sale and export of animals from their home tracts.

The conference also decided to undertake the organisation of cattle shows all over India with the ultimate aim of arranging one show for every 20 villages every year.

Special steps were urged to be taken to develop such breeds like Red Sindhi, Tharparkar and Sahiwal as these breeds have gone over to Pakistan.

It was also decided to approach the Government of India for special funds for the Cattle Show Committee.

Indian Road Engineers' Deputation To U.S.

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The Government of India have decided to send to the United States of America a party of Government and State road engineer officers for a course of eighteen weeks of intensive and specialised training in modern of highway engineering.

The party will be headed by Mr. D. P. Nayar Superintending Engineer, East Punjab, Public Works Department, Ambala, and will include eight others mainly executive engineers selected from officers in the service of Provincial and State Governments upon nominations made by those Governments.

BOMBAY RACES

6th DAY

Saturday, 5th March

DAY ENTRANCE

FIRST: Gents Rs. 5/8 Ladies Rs. 3/8 || SECOND: Rs. 3/8

RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

The Bombay Chronicle

The hardest heart and the grossest ignorance must disappear before the rising sun of suffering without anger and without malice.

—MAHATMA GANDHI

SAROJINI NAIDU

Almost just thirteen months after the death of Mahatma Gandhi, the entire country has been plunged into mourning again. For, Sarojini Naidu's death is a national bereavement, which will be felt grievously throughout the length and breadth of India and even beyond. If some human beings can be correctly described as "gems", the description fits her in a pre-eminent degree. She was an Indian gem of many facets each casting a glittering lustre on India's life. She was a poet whose works have adorned the English language. She was the embodiment of culture, that synthesis of many cultures which is the glory of India and she was one of those illustrious Indians—without any counterparts among Europeans—who, interpreted the West and the East to each other. Brilliant hostess and conversationalist, men and women, foreigners and Indians alike, who were eager to learn and understand, flocked to her. Her company was a delight and an unforgettable experience for all. There was no one but came back instructed and enlightened. Art, culture, literature, politics and personalities; there was no subject that she would not touch or illumine. She was an orator who swayed all kinds of audiences, from intellectual to illiterate, with her musical voice and passionate eloquence. There are so many men and women in the world, who are gifted with a musical voice and the capacity for passionate oratory. What was it that made her pre-eminent among them? She felt from the heart and represented the soul and mood of the nation. The agony of the martial law days, the awakening of national pride and hope with the advent of Mahatma Gandhi, the moral grandeur of Satyagraha, the determined, militant challenge to foreign rule of the civil resistance movements, the horror of post-partition carnage, the cry of anguish that followed, they all represented the mood and soul of India. Sarojini Naidu's oratory was their expression. Deep and profoundly sensitive humanity and a burning love of India and all her people regardless of creed and caste, give the clue to, and explain, her life and her achievements, as poet orator, nationalist and Gandhian patriot.

Sarojini Naidu will live in history as many things, but above all as a patriot and a lieutenant and follower of Mahatma Gandhi and a devotee of his ideals and principles of love, non-violence and brotherhood. There is no battle that Gandhiji fought against foreign domination and tyranny, in which Sarojini Naidu did not take a prominent part as an active fighter and so well indeed that an entire world was astounded and thrilled into taking eager notice of the phenomenal epic of modern India. Her share in the achievement of India's freedom is equalled by few. But above all she was an Indian in whose mind there was no room for distinction between Indian and Indian. One hundred and fifty years of foreign rule and subtle and ingenious encouragements to the development of separation did make a success of their diabolical job. That fell success is before every one to see and feel. Distrust, suspicion and prejudice were in possession of Indian minds. It is a tribute to the fundamental qualities of Sarojini Naidu—indeed, they constituted her very nature—that every man, whatever his creed and whatever his camp, forgot all distinctions before her and was at home in her presence as if she was one of them. And rightly so, for, Sarojini Naidu belonged to all as all were as her own kith and kin. She was a sympathetic friend and a healer, healer of breaches and healer of wounds. Once she described her Master, Mahatma Gandhi, in language that has become a classic: he wiped all the tears from all the eyes. Like the Master, Sarojini Naidu too had the supreme gift: she too could wipe all the tears from all the eyes. And now she is no more leaving her people to mourn a deep personal loss. Men around Mahatma Gandhi, who wrought and suffered for the freedom of India and for rejuvenating its people into a great nation worthy of humanity, and whose are names to conjure with, the glorious veterans and heroes of a momentous age, have, a great many of them, gone. Now Sarojini Naidu has also joined them. But like them she has left a great legacy of inspiring achievements and inspiring duties. In a message to the nation, Shri C. Rajagopalachari mourning the loss of "our friend and fellow-toiler, one who carried peace and compassion and goodwill wherever she went, who knew everybody in this country and abroad, who could plead with, play with and chastise anybody in the world", says: "there is no room for smallness of mind. Let us every moment try to think and act large-heartedly". That would have been her message too to her sorrowing people. May they prove worthy of her.

Advance Prohibition

If the actual working of the Prohibition Act is as smooth as the passage of the Bill through all its three readings, then Bombay might well congratulate itself and its Government. Despite all the fretting and fuming outside the Assembly, there was no opposition in the Assembly itself where it might be fairly claimed Prohibition scored its first success. The enthusiasm with which the members spoke in support, even in excitement, of the Minister for Excise, died down—naturally, since men's ardour cannot be sustained at boiling-point for several days on end. Possibly in a mood of gratitude, Mr I. M. Patel assured the House that officers using the powers under the Act would exercise caution. Let this not be taken as encouragement to would-be offenders, for the penalties for repetitions of a first offence have been made more severe. In another context, the Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, declared that reports of interference with the Judiciary were entirely baseless. When the Law is there in black and white, it is futile and foolish to expect magistrates not to apply it. The opposition that did not materialise in the House, revealed that Indians as a rule are anxious not to come forward as supporters of drink. This is very gratifying. What puzzles us is that the Minister for Excise should have been from start to finish so apologetic about the penal clauses of the Act. If he felt that they had to be explained and excused, why did they come into the Bill in the first instance? We trust that the officers who will have to put the Act into effect, will pursue their objective with greater singleness of purpose than the Minister for Excise has shown in piloting the Bill which, if it has emerged stronger from the debate, has done so in spite of his halting advocacy.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

The destinies of nearly 1,000,000,000 people are being shaped", the "Times" continued "with Communists either in the leadership or striving towards it, the challenge to western security is at least as great as if Africa were in ferment and supported by a jealous and ambitious power.

"Eastern Asia is among base of western Europe, and, even apart from their direct consequences in the Pacific sphere, further reverses in South-east Asia could undermine the west European prosperity which is America's first defence".

—THE LONDON "TIMES"

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Comrade Rajini Palme Dutt, the brains of the British Communist Party is in boiling rage. "As surely," he predicts, "as is the wrath of the Chinese people in dealing with the corrupt American puppet, Chiang Kai-shek, so surely will the wrath of the Indian people bring to justice the Nehrus and Patels"

Oh Comrade Palme Dutt have mercy please.

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Mr. Jaya Prakash Narayan, denouncing at a meeting in Jharia the methods employed by the Commnnists in India and their destructive policy, has at the same time, complained that Congressmen had deteriorated, for, in the name of Mahatma Gandhi, they were doing many things, which he would have disapproved of had he been alive.

Some of those concerned would probably angrily retort that they know it too and do not need to be told.

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Attention has been drawn in the press to an unnoticed feature of the Central Government budget namely that the payment to the Nizam of Rs 25 lakhs as annual "quit rent for Berar" has been dropped.

This ought to be sufficient justification for the reopening of the Hyderabad case by the Security Council on an urgent plea by Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan.

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Pandit L. K. Maitra, the Bengal M.C.A. who heartily detests the Hindu Code Bill, questioned the "moral competency" of Parliament to undertake such legislation, and declared that Dr. Rajendra Prasad "the uncrowned monarch of Bihar and undisputedly one of the leaders of India", who knew Bengal also very well, had said so in unmistakable terms.

After Mr. C. Rajagopalachar, Dr. Rajendra Prasad now? Wonder who he has been-er-mistaken for

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The Indonesian Round Table Conference called by the Netherlands Government will, Dr. Beel declares, take place even without Republican participation.

Some British sympathisers of the Dutch, say Mr. Attlee or Mr. Bevin, should tell them about the history of the Indian Round Table Conference and the ultimate end of it all.

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The Republican reaction to the Dutch offer is that they have charged the Dutch with failure to comply with the United Nations Security Council resolution on Indonesia.

The United Nations Security Council may indignantly charge the Republicans with trying to make it sensitive to snubs.

"Definitely, No Railway Strike," Says Jai Prakash

PLEA TO GOVERNMENT TO HANDLE LABOUR WITH CARE: "POLICE EXCESSES" CRITICISED

CALCUTTA, MARCH 2 (API): MR. JAI PRAKASH NARAIN, PRESIDENT OF THE ALL-INDIA RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERTION, ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE TODAY, EXPRESSED HIS "DEFINITE VIEW" THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE NO RAILWAY STRIKE.

BUT, MR. NARAIN SAID, THE ADMINISTRATIONS WERE SHOWING COMPLETE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND IMAGINATION. PREVENTION OF THE STRIKE WAS NOT MERELY A POLICE MEASURE. IT WAS MAINLY A MATTER OF PROPAGANDA IN WHICH ONLY THE UNIONS OF THE FEDERATION COULD HELP.

The administration, he suggested, should place at the disposal of the Unions the facilities necessary for carrying on such propaganda. Union Officials and workers should be given special leave and passes to travel on the lines and talk to the men.

REPLY TO SARDAR

Mr. Narain said, "I have been recently criticised for asking for leniency to be shown to the Communists. Sardar Patel spoke about it in Madras. It is not the first time that the Sardar and the Press have misunderstood me. I never pleaded for leniency to those who are deliberately out to create chaos and anarchy. What I did was to sound a warning against police excesses. We have an extremely unimaginative and ignorant police and if in their excessive zeal they put innocent people into prison, it would be only so much fuel added to the fire.

SECONDLY, I WARNED AGAINST TREATING ALL THE RAILWAYMEN ENROLLED IN THE COMMUNIST UNIONS AS COMMUNISTS. AN IMAGINATIVE AND BOLD ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE AT THIS MOMENT TO WIN THEM OVER RATHER THAN THROW THEM MORE DEFINITELY INTO THE ARMS OF THE COMMUNISTS. ALREADY THE RAILWAY ADMINISTRATIONS AND THE POLICE HAVE MADE UGLY MISTAKES WHICH HAVE CAUSED WIDESPREAD ANNOYANCES AND UNNECESSARY IRRITATION".

BILL TO OUTLAW STRIKES

Criticising the Bill for outlawing strikes in the essential services introduced in the Central Assembly by Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha, the Socialist leader said that there was no need for the legislation as it demonstrated complete lack of regard on the part of the present rulers of India for the concepts of freedom and civil liberties.

STATING THAT "NO AMOUNT OF OUTLAWRY IS GOING TO ESTABLISH PEACE ON THE LABOUR FRONT", MR. NARAIN SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPER THING TO DO WAS TO ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE CAUSES OF DISCONTENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SPEEDY, IMPARTIAL AND EFFECTIVE MACHINERY FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF LABOUR DISPUTES. EVEN AFTER SO MANY MONTHS OF AGITATION AND LABOUR DISCONTENT IN ITS OWN DEPARTMENTS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE NOTHING YET ON THOSE LINES.

"I am afraid the Nehru Government is heading towards a disaster which no special powers can prevent", he added.

SECURITY MEASURES IN BENGAL JUSTIFIED

Replying to a question, Mr. Narain, however, justified the adoption of security measures in Bengal and East Punjab where conditions were anything but normal.

PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain said that one of the most dangerous forces of disorder in the country was the "growing propensity towards goondaism and violence of certain Trade Unions". He mentioned a specific case in which he was himself a victim during his recent visit to Asansol. He said that as soon as he arrived at a public meeting arranged at Burnpur by the Burdwan Socialist Party, loud slogans were raised which, incidentally, showed that the disturbers were the supporters of a rival union there. When he got up on the table and began to speak into the microphone, immediately to the slogans were added more solid things. Brickbats, clods of earth and other missiles began to shower around him from all sides. He spoke for 20 minutes and the whole time this attack was kept up. His friends tried to protect his person but nearly half a dozen missiles hit him on the back, the head and the hands. Some of his comrades were hit by missiles which caused wounds and drew blood. The most curious thing, he said, was that though the Police Station was nearby, the custodians of law and order were conspicuous by their absence throughout the meeting.

4 KILLED IN MYSORE VILLAGE CLASH

BANGALORE, March 2 (A.P.I.): Four persons lost their lives and 43 others were injured in a fight between two parties yesterday at Sira, a town 60 miles from Bangalore.

An altercation between two persons at the weekly market place led to the fight between groups of people on either side.

A police jemadar, who tried to mediate, was stabbed to death, while a sub-inspector of police received stab injuries.

Indian Road Engineers For U. S.

NEW DELHI, March 2 (UPI): The Government of India have decided to send to the United States of America a party of Government and state road engineer officers for a course of eighteen weeks of intensive and specialised training in modern methods of highway engineering.

The party will be headed by Mr. D. P. Nayar, Superintending Engineer, East Punjab, Public Works Department, Ambala, and will include eight others, mainly executive engineering officers.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

An Old Foe With A New Face

The officials of the U.P. Finance Department will be thanked by all connected with printing presses for the excuse that they have found out for all mistakes. In the past we used to blame it all on that elusive, non-existent, entity, the Printer's Devil. Now we have been given something concrete to lay the blame on. The Printer's Devil makes way for the Red Menace. The dearness allowance for patwaris who engage themselves in cultivation with the permission of sub-divisional officers, was fixed by the Government at Rs. 12. But in the U.P. Premier's Budget speech it was mentioned as Rs. 21. The Premier, Mr. Govind Vallabh Pant, cannot be blamed for this terrible muddle; and it would be unthinkable for the officials of the Finance Department to be called to account. After all, Finance Departments are known for mistakes of economy not errors of extravagence. And the Press? Surely a printing press that is called the "Government printing press," can do no wrong. Even the Printer's Devil there is the Government Printer's Devil. Therefore, official logic sees clearly that "the juxtaposition of the figures could not be ascribed to any typographical error." And so, the mischief has been traced to the Public Enemy No 1 of today, the Communist. We who have suffered from the same trouble and long suspected that something is wrong somewhere, are convinced. We are more than convinced. The Communist, like the animal, is not only outside us but even within us, and it was the Communist in Mr. Pant which made him read out the figures in their wrong 'juxtaposition' —what a word! The U. P. Government we are told, is instituting an inquiry into the matter. But surely this is superfluous after the cogent reasoning of the U. P. Finance officials We hesitate to offer suggestions to a Government that is as efficient as that of the United Provinces, but it seems fitting that the official or officials who tracked the mistake down to its Red lair, deserves a reward. After all, he or they might easily have been sidetracked into an R.S.S. hunt or a search for Socialists. It would be fitting if the difference between the Government's allowance and the Communists—rupees nine, we write it in words to circumvent OUR Red Menace—were given as a pension to the man or men who have seen so clearly through it all.

The Marvels Of Medicine

Whilst the medical world in this province, ably assisted by the usual army of cranks faddists, is wildly fighting over the merits and drawbacks of BCG vaccination, light has been thrown on the entire question by Dr. Fog—the joke is unintentional—head of the U.N. international anti-tuberculosis campaign who has reported on tests in Madras. Dr. Fog says that of the thousand students who submitted to the preliminary tuberculin tests, all, except 200, showed positive reactions. This meant that only these 200 required BCG vaccination. But Dr. Fog is undaunted. He could not say if the "positive reactors" would be totally immune in future. This lucid analysis makes it obvious, except to the meanest intelligence—it is surprising how many of these are around—that investigation must be relentlessly pursued among the positive reactors to see that they too should be vaccinated BOG-ly. In legal parlance, let everyone show cause, etc., why he or she should not be subjected to the needle. In fact, there is room for a just grievance that 800 reactors proved "positive". Dr. Fog's categoric declaration that they do not need BOG vaccination but are not to be regarded as positively immune from tuberculosis makes one wonder why preliminary test are carried out at all. One might be tempted to inquire whether BOG vaccination will give immunity, but this is officious probing into the miracles of medicine which can never yield to cold logic.

Strange Inference

Mr Naruddin Ahmed who pressed for the circulation for opinion of the Hindu Code in the Indian Parliament came out with a strange theory. With the advent of joint electorates he said, no one could deny the right of a Muslim to think as the majority of Hindus thought; "after all the Muslims of India had to live with the Hindus". Evidently it seems a painful necessity to Mr. Ahmed and he is presenting an attitude somewhat analogous to that of the unfortunate individual who had to appease the crocodile. Even the necessity of living with the Hindus need not force men like Mr. Ahmed to conform to what he regards as Hindu majority opinion. If he thinks that this gesture is going to win him the next election, he will find he is sadly mistaken. Mr. Naruddin Ahmed might with great force have argued that joint electorates and the whole conception of a secular state give him the right to express his own views on the Hindu Code, just as they give non-Muslims the right to consider questions affecting the Muslim community. In fact, it is on this ground that we welcome Mr. Ahmed's expression of an opinion on the Hindu Code even though it seems singularly unintelligent and purposeless, and discovers him in the role of a vote-catching communalist functioning in reverse gear. In the past evil days of communal pacts and communal riots, it used to be a policy for each community to pursue non-interference in the affairs of the other. That only led to lack of communal understanding and interest in matters relating to each other. It is necessary that that apathy should give place to interest which by exercising itself will in time become intelligent.

Between Two Stools

Mr. Jai Prakash Narain does not approve of the Communists and their ways. He is also acutely distressed at the Government and their methods. Therefore, the Socialist Party of India over which he presides. This is so obvious that one would have, hardly thought it needed saying and by Mr. Jai Prakash of all persons. But his speech at Jharia did not go beyond explaining this middle-of-the-road attitude. From his denunciations, it can be inferred that he believes the two tasks before Indians are to resist the Communist attempt to turn India into a second Burma and to rid the administrations of corruption and bribery. To the average Indian, it is equally inferrable that for achieving the first we must not only prove unmoved by Communist blandishments but we must even join forces to restrain their activities and nullify their influence: whilst the second objective also demands a combined effort since the Governments presumably are even more conscious of the deadweight of corruption. There is at any rate no one who argues that corruption is a good thing. What is Mr. Jai Prakash doing apart from talking about it all, very eloquently no doubt? Is it not likely that by his agitation he is creating favourable conditions for the Communist to work on? Constructive criticism is one thing but to insist day in and day out that the administrations are useless is only to pave the way for the anarchy in which Communists thrive.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Communism And Linguism

Sir,—We are glad that the ministers of our National Government are taking effective steps against Communism. But the vast masses of people of Frontier Provinces and their neighbourhood and also of Southern India are no less eager to see what steps they are taking against the growing tide of linguistic imperialism and castism in public services. With the existence of the latter two, the former, we are afraid, are sure to survive. Let Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel deal with cultural linguism and exploitation of any sort straightforwardly.—Yours etc.,

M. MUKHERJEE

Dhanbad, Bihar.

Third Degree Methods

Sir,—I write this letter with a view to bringing home to the Home Department of the Government of Bombay and the Commissioner of Police the necessity of reorganising the police system in the Province and particularly in the city of Bombay. I may add that my observations are based on the system prevalent in the Punjab before the days of the partition.

Of late crimes have increased in number beyond all recognition and I find that the Bombay City Police are taking no concrete steps to bring to book the alleged culprits. Even if the Police suspects certain people to be connected with the crimes in question, no efforts are made to force a confession out of these suspects. I did question several parties in the matter of the innummerable crimes in Bombay and I was told that, unless a case is proved against a suspect, he would not be tried. Perhaps this accounts for the large number of unsolved crimes and undetected thefts. I was rather surprised to hear this explanation especially since Section 109 of the Criminal Procedure Code gives powers to Police Officers to use third degree methods to extract confessions from suspects. That being so, I feel that the Bombay Police are under a misapprehension if they think that third degree methods should not be used against suspects.

I am sure that the Bombay Police can easily bring to book several suspects if they follow Section 109 of the Criminal Procedure Code more faithfully.—Yours etc.,

PRO BUNO PUBLICO

Bengal Today

Sir,—I was very much impressed by your yesterday's editorial on Saturday's raids in Calcutta. I was in Calcutta on Saturday but came to know of them at Nagpur on my way here.

With the exception of Dr. Roy and Mr. Sarkar, all our ministers were unknown nonentities before they ascended to their exalted positions. Emerging out of their native obscurity—nobody denies some of them were good at controlling the local meetings, melas and reliefs, climbing up and decorating the arches when leaders visited their villages — these little men have brought Bengal to a state where corruption, nepotism and slovenliness are the order. A fresh election following a short spell of Governor's rule is the only remedy we can see.

Dr. Roy may be appointed as Governor for the interim period and I am sure few will question Centres interference as a result of combination of circumstances to ensure integrity, impartiality and efficiency in the administration of the province.—Yours etc.,

A BENGALI

B. C. G. Vaccination

Sir,—As there has been a great deal of misconception about the B. C. G. Vaccination we wish to state the facts:—

Firstly, there never has been and never will be any compulsion. B.C.G. Vaccination is purely voluntary, after full explanation of its utility. Children will be vaccinated only with the consent of their parents.

Secondly, so far the experts have only been engaged in doing the preliminary testing of the volunteers by the tuberculin reaction. Vaccination has not yet started.

Thirdly, the purity of the vaccine has been guaranteed and each batch is standardised. It is manufactured only at one place in India, Guindy in Madras—under the experts' supervision.

Fourthly, quotation forms of their contents give a very incorrect view. Many of the authorities quoted by some of the antagonists, are in favour of B.C.G. Vaccination but in order not to raise false hopes have expressed themselves cautiously. For instance, Dr. Malmos whose quotation is supposed to give an impression that he is not decided about the matter, is an enthusiastic supporter and worker in the scheme.

So far more than a crore of persons have been vaccinated without any mishap, except that at Lubee in the early days where live human tubercule bacilli got mixed up somehow with the vaccine. The care that is being taken in the preparation of the vaccine since, under the World Health Organisation experts, is a sufficient guarantee of the purity of the vaccine.

The procedure adopted in Bombay is to test each individual with tuberculin in increasing disease, three times at three days' interval. If he has any immunity to tuberculosis, he reacts to one of the tests and is not advised vaccination. If all the three tests produce no reaction, it is concluded that he has no immunity. Experience has proved that his chance of developing tuberculosis is four to six times greater than that of the man who reacts. He is, therefore, advised vaccination.

India lost 75 lakhs lives between 1896 and 1911, 15 years of epidemic plague. India is losing 5 lakhs of lives every year from tuberculosis, i.e. tuberculosis is taking the same toll of life per year as plague in its worst years. This means that at least 25 lakhs of persons are suffering from this disease in India at any time and are slowly going to their doom.

If their danger can be reduced to one-sixth, is it not worth the trouble? —Yours etc.

BHASKER PATEL,
Hon. Secretary BCG Vaccination Committee, Government of Bombay, Bombay and Hon. T.B. Specialist J.J. Group of Hospitals, Bombay.

B. B. YODH,
Hon. Secretary, Bombay Provincial Anti-tuberculsis Association and Member BCG Vaccination Committee, Bombay.

'Our Justices Of The Peace'

Sir,—Mr. Ebraham Jacob has done a service to the public of Bombay by writing to your paper. The way in which the "new list of new J.P.'s" was brought out was itself not proper. To the surprise of everyone one day in last August it was published that the old J.P.'s ceased to be J.P.'s from a certain day and the public were referred to a new list published in the "Gazette". Courtesy and etiquette, apart from other things required that reasonable notice about the preparation of the list of new J.P.'s should have been given both to the public and to the J.P.'s themselves. It is within my personal knowledge that the appointment of new J.P.'s came as a surprise to the old J.P.'s themselves, as they were not informed previous to the publication in the papers. Nobody knows what legal complication would have happened if they had signed without seeing the notification. Many popular J.P.'s who have been of service to poor and illiterate women and widows and old pensioners, have been "knocked out" and nobody knows the reasons for the same. J.P.'s must be persons who will be easily available to the public and those who are in need of them for attesting documents or certificates.

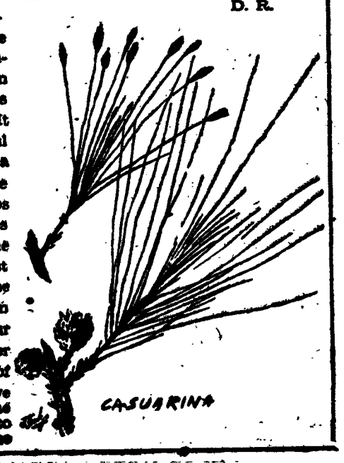
One more point to be noted is that sometimes on account of the question of language you have to go in search of particular J.P.'s who know the language or get someone else to identify him which was not always possible, and get the document which has to be signed and attested, translated. Sometimes young women and widows had to sign certain documents and being unable to go out to the places or offices of J.P.'s had to request some of their friends to get the J.P.'s to some convenient place. The question of age should not come in the appointment of J.P.s. In fact persons who have retired from Government Service and who are popular and responsible persons should be appointed J.P.'s.—Yours etc.

S. NAGASUNDARAM.

OPEN AIR

The Casuarina, or Beefwood tree is a very graceful tree growing often to a very great height, and it thrives in and around Bombay because it likes a sandy soil. In appearance it is much like the pine trees of the colder northern countries or of the higher mountain ranges, for it bears needles instead of leafy foliage. It is at its most beautiful when seen silhouetted against a moonlit sky. The male flowers are tiny brown cones borne at the tips of the long, fine, jointed needles while the female flowers take the form of small round cones, just like miniature pine cones. These are about three quarters of an inch in length, brown in colour and are produced on the older wood at the base of the tufts of needles. We found that when we had Casuarinas growing in the garden it was quite impossible to grow anything else nearby, for the casuarina roots spread to a great distance all around, and take so much of the goodness from the soil that smaller plants, annuals and the like, are soon starved out.

D. R.



COUNTRY-WIDE MOURNING FOR INDIAN NIGHTINGALE

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Devi a poetess but when she was old she undertook to be an administrator of a Province. She had done her job of administration to the satisfaction and admiration of all communities.

REPRESENTED CULTURE OF INDIA

Dr. S. Subbaroyan, former Home Minister, Madras, said: "In the death of Her Excellency Sarojini Naidu we have lost one of our leading personalities. She represented the culture of India at its best and always strove to bring the two communities—Hindus and Muslims together. In her death we have lost a nightingale and the nation has lost a great and wise counsellor. Her spirit of indomitable courage will always be an example, not only to our women but also to men."

The Mayor of Madras Mr S Ramaswamy Naidu said: "I am shocked to hear the news of the sudden death of Srimathi Sarojini Naidu, the Governor of United Provinces. It is indeed an irreparable loss to the country in general and women of India in particular. She had been in forefront of India's struggle for independence. It is regrettable that she should be snatched away at a time when her dynamic personality is greatly needed to build up independent India on sound and firm foundations. She had been the torch bearer of India's freedom struggle and was in no small measure responsible for India's glory and greatness.

GREAT NATIONAL LOSS

NAGPUR.—The news of the sudden death of Mrs Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces was received with profound sorrow here.

The Premier of C. P., Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla said: "It is sad news. This is yet another heavy loss to the nation."

The Premier contacted Lucknow on the trunk telephone and conveyed condolences to the members of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's family.

Mr Ghanashyamsingh Gupta, speaker of the C. P and Berar Legislative Assembly described the passing away of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu as "a great and irreparable national loss."

A reference to Mrs. Naidu's demise would be made in the Provincial Legislative Assembly today at noon by the Speaker. Mr Gupta, the House will join in paying tributes to the rich "contribution of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu to India's struggle for freedom and literature."

All party leaders including the Leader of the House, Pandit Shukla will join in the expression of tributes to Mrs. Naidu.

A MOTHER TO ALL

PATNA: The news of the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was received with great regret in all circles here. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, a close associate of Mrs Sarojini Naidu in a telegram to Padmaja Naidu says that she was not the only person who had lost her mother, countless people in India had lost their mother in the death of Saro'ini Devi.

FLOWER AMONG OUR WOMANHOOD

HYDERABAD. Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress said, "I am greatly shocked to hear the news of the passing away of Srimati Sarojini Naidu of heart failure. As a citizen of Hyderabad, the agony due to her loss is great. She was a matrons daughter of the land and had risen to the present position by her inherent merit. She was a flower among our womanhood. She had left her lasting impress upon generations to come. I offer my sincere condolences to the bereaved members of her family."

AHMEDABAD: The news of the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was received inAnmedabad with feelings of deep sorrow.

Mr. M. C. Shah, Municipal President, said: "She was a trusted follower of Mahatma Gandhi and took a leading part in the freedom struggle. Her death is a great national loss."

BARODA: Leaders of public opinion in Baroda received the news of the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu with touching expressions of grief.

Mr. Jagjivandas Mehta, President of the Baroda State Congress said the loss to the country was irreparable.

Mr. C. J. Sutaria, Deputy Premier of Baroda said Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was one of the best representatives of womanhood in the world and worked in full harmony with Gandhiji in the fight for India's emancipation.

Dr. Venilal N. Modi, President of the Baroda Municipality said the country has lost "one of the bestest fighters in freedom's cause, a great poet, political philosoper and a colleague of Gandhiji."

KHER HAS NO WORDS TO EXPRESS HIS SORROW

BOMBAY, March 2 (UPI): "I have no words to convey my feelings."

In these bald words, and in a husky voice, Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay betrayed his deep sense of personal loss at the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, in an interview to the United Press of India today.

The Premier continued: "with the sudden death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu a star of the first magnitude disappears from the political horizon—one of the most brilliant stars, poet, philosopher, statesman, governor, and, above all a womanly woman in spite of the many manly roles she filled—that was Sarojini Naidu," the Premier stated.

"Throughout the modern history of India and during the coming centuries, Sarojini Naidu will symbolise the glorious motherhood of India. I have sent for her funeral a wreath on behalf of the people and government of Bombay."

As soon as news of Mrs. Naidu's death was made public, all government offices, schools and colleges were closed as a mark of respect to her memory. Flags were flown half mast on all government and public buildings.

CEYLON PREMIER'S TRIBUTES

COLOMBO, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): The Premier, Mr. D. S. Senanayake has sent the following message to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, on the death of Sarojini Naidu: "Government and people of Ceylon were shocked to hear the untimely death of Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces. Mrs. Naidu's clarion call for the freedom of India has had its salutary repercussions in this island and her visit is remembered by many with inspiration and affection. Her death is a personal loss to me of a revered friend. We fully realise the great loss India has suffered by her death. Her memory will live in the hearts of the people."

DAUGHTY CHAMPION OF INDIA'S STRUGGLE

SIMLA, March 2 (A.P.I.): Sir Chandulal Trivedi, Governor of East Punjab, said: "Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was a daughty champion in our struggle for independence and she raised and uplifted Indian womanhood."

The Governor referred to her poetry and oratory and said she was the "Nightingale of India."

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, Premier of East Punjab: "She was a versatile genius and a poet of very high order and her services to the cause of India's independence will be remembered for all times to come."

SYMBOL OF INDIA'S GLORY

RAJKOT, March 2 (A.P.I.): The news of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's death was spread all over the city by newspapers who took out special editions.

Mr. Balwantrai Mehta, first member of the Congress Working Committee from the Indian States, expressed profound sorrow and he recalled his associations with Mrs. Naidu which started from the time of the home rule days when he was a student at Ahmedabad.

Mr. Mehta paid an eloquent tribute to her personal charm, graceful manners and oratorical powers and said: "She was the first woman of India in every sense and stood out as the symbol of India's womanhood in all its glory. Her death leaves a gap which it will be very difficult to bridge."

HDERABAD LEADERS' TRIBUTE

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 2 (U.P.I.): Mr. Akbar Ali Khan, a nationalist Muslim leader of Hyderabad, mourning Mrs. Naidu's death, said:—"Mrs. Sarojini Naidu brought India to international fame. Her loss will not be mourned by use alone but by the whole world. May we follow in the foot-steps of our great mother who left us an unparalleled record of Hindu-Muslim unity, self-sacrifice and service to humanity. God bless her soul."

Mr. J. H. Subbiah, president of the Hyderabad Scheduled Castes Federation, stated: "I am feeling as one of the bereaved family. I always looked upon Mrs. Naidu as my mother and my loss is none the less that of a son."

Major M. G. Naidu, husband of Mrs. Sarjini is receiving numerous letters and telegrams from India and abroad mourning the demise of his wife.

SHOCKING AND PAINFUL FOR WORLD

PATNA, March 2 (U.P.I.): Dr. Saiyid Mahmud, Development Minister, Bihar, interviewed said: "Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's death is too shocking and painful for the world. I had very intimate family relations with her for the last 35 years. She was the embodiment of goodness and virtue. After Gandhiji she had the largest heart for suffering humanity. I am over-whelmed and shocked to say any more."

MOURNING IN SHILLONG

SHILLONG, March 2, (API): The news of the death of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu was received in Shillong with deepest regret.

The Assam Government declared today a public holiday and flags were flown half mast over all Government buildings. A public reception arranged for this afternoon in honour of His Excellency, Mr. Sri Prakash, was cancelled.

The Assam Premier, Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, in a statement from Gauhati said that the loss of such a personality, like Shrimati Naidu was a loss of all that was best and beautiful for them, and the country would continue to feel it for all time to come.

Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhury member of the Constituent Assembly, said that the great woman had done her part in immortalising India in the field of politics and literature.

KERALA LEADERS' TRIBUTE

ERNAKULAM, March 2, (API):—Cochin's premier Mr. Ikkanda Varier, was shocked at the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. He said: "Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was a prominent and effective figure in Indian politics for the last thirty years. She was a shining example to the women of India, showing that they could rise to any position which is occupied by men".

Mr. K. P. Kesava Menon, editor of "Mathrubhumi", said she combined in her in a remarkable degree the culture of the east and the west. There was no place which she occupied without adorning it. India will long cherish her memory with respect and affection"

Prof. L. M. Pylee, President of the Cochin Legislative Assembly, said the loss of Sarojini Devi must be considered a great calamity.

DELHI, March 2, (API): "Mrs Sarojini Naidu's life is a glorious chapter in the history of India", said Shrimati Durgabai a member of the Constituent Assembly, in an interview she added: "She was a torch bearer of not only India's freedom struggle but of the movement for the emancipation of Indian women. Her life is an ideal for Indian women workers to emulate.

MOST BRILLIANT WARRIOR LOST

PATNA, March 2, (UPI): Dr. Anugrah Sinha, Finance Minister, Bihar, in an interview said: "With the passing away of Shrimati Naidu, India has lost one of her oldest and most brilliant warriors in the prolonged struggle for India's freedom. The Nightingale of India is gone; the music of her voice, however, will resound in our ears for a long time"

Mr. Mahomedbhoy L. M. Rowjee, ex-Mayor of Bombay, in a statement says: I was deeply grieved to learn the sudden passing away to Heaven of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu who was one of my valuable friends.

May God give strength to her family and friends to bear their unbearable loss, and let her Soul rest in peace.

MADRAS, March 2, (API):— "Life in India has lost both richness and colour by the demise of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. She herself was neither a rationalist nor a mystic, but an emotional clairvoyant," said Dr. C. Ramalinga Reddi, Vice-Chancellor Andhra University, in an interview today.

NEW DELHI, March 2, (UPI): "It is difficult to find words adequately to express my sorrow at the passing of one of our foremost citizens" said Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister of India, in an interview on the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

"Not only India but the world is poorer by the passing of this outstanding woman May her soul rest in peace."

Hoosainbhoy A. Lalljee Shia leader in a statement says:— "In the passing away of Srimati Sarojini Naidu our Country has lost such a great and good leader that not only Hindus and Muslims out all Classes consider her to be one of their own. Every Province claims her as theirs. Her loss is an irreparable one and it seems a calamity has befallen this country. Her services to this country are too well known to every one to be enumerated."

PAKVASA'S TRIBUTES

NAGPUR, March 2, (API): Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa, Governor of C.P. has telegraphed to the Military Secretary to the Governor of U.P. as follows: "With extreme grief I heard the very said news of the death of the dear daughter of Bharatmata who symbolised in Indian womanhood Her loss is irreparable. May her spirit ever guide us in the service of our motherland. May God grant her family courage to bear this loss with spirit worthy of a great soul."

SIR MAHARAJ SINGH'S TRIBUTES

LUCKNOW March 2, (API): A number of condolence messages have been received at Government House from all over India.

Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, in a telegram says: "My wife and I greatly shocked to know hat Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has passed away. She was an exceptionally gifted woman, whose death will be deeply felt by all in India.

Dr. Sri Krishna Sinha, Premier of Bihar says: "I am shocked to hear of the sudden death of Srimati Sarojini Naidu. She was among the architects of our freedom and our patriotism and the spirit of new India found the most eloquent and the most truthful expression in her utterances and writings. She had a unique peace in our national life and has created a gap which will not be filled with the rest of the nations."

HYDERABAD GOVERNMENT'S MOURNING

HYDERABAD, March 2, (UPI): The Government of Hyderabad has sent the following message of condolence to Major Govindarajulu Naidu:—

"The Government of Hyderabad joins you in mourning the sad and sudden death of Her Excellency, Shrimati Sarojini Naidu. Her sacrifices in the cause of the country her literary achievements and her foresight in the field of politics had endeared her to one and all in this country. The loss will be deeply felt throughout India and specially by the people of Hyderabad."

EMBODIMENT OF CULTURED WOMANHOOD

MADRAS, March 2 (API): The Sheriff of Madras said, "India's loss in the demise of the first woman Governor is irreparable. She was the connecting link between the past and the present. Her services to the country and her personal care for Mahamaji were of immense value. She was an embodiment of the cultured womanhood of India".

Raja Sir Muthia Chettiar of Chettinad, leader of the Independent Group in the Madras Assembly, said: "The Silver tounged orator and poet has passed away, but her great services and sacrifices in the cause of the freedom of our country will always be remembered".

Sir Mohomed Usman, former member of the Government of India, said: "I am extremely sorry to hear of the demise of Srimathi Sarojini Naidu, the first woman Governor of India. She had been a great force in promoting communal harmony and peace in India. Her death at this juncture is a great loss to the country. By her rich scholarship and intellectual attainment she was in no small measure responsible in raising the cultural greatness of India before the world.

CALICUT, March 2 (API): Mr. K. Kellappan, President of the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee said: "The death of Sarojini Devi is an irreparable loss to the nation. Sarojini Devi's contribution to the cultural and political renaissance of India is unrivalled by that of any other leader".

MADRAS, March 2 (API): The Premier of Madras, Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, in a telegram to Pandit Govinda Ballabh Pant, Premier of the United Provinces, today stated, "On behalf of the Government and the public of Madras, I wish to express our great sorrow at the sudden death of Her Excellency Srimathi Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces. Please convey our sincere condolences to the members of the bereaved family".

IRREPARABLE LOSS TO COUNTRY

NAGPUR, March 2 (UPI): Mr. M. S. M. Kannamwar, President of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee, in an interview said: "The sad demise of Her Excellency Shrimathi Sarojini Naidu, Governor of U.P., removes from our midst a great stalwart of freedom. She was the first woman Governor and a devoted disciple of Mahatma Gandhi. She rendered a great service to our motherland by leading "Dharasana Satyagraha movement" after Gandhiji's 'Dandi March'. She awakened the woman-folk of the country to the national cult. Her loss is irreparable to the nation".

ANEY'S TRIBUTES

PATNA, March 2 (UPI): Shri M. S. Aney, Governor of Bihar, has sent the following telegram to the Premier of U.P.:

"Deeply grieved to hear that Her Excellency Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of United Provinces, has passed away this morning. India has lost her most talented daughter whose great gifts were always at the service of the motherland and had never spared herself in her vigorous struggle for liberty under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. Her death is a national loss and India loses a most colourful and lovable personality. Kindly convey my condolence and sympathy to Dr. Naidu, Padmaja and other members of the family.

NIZAM'S TRIBUTES

HYDERABAD, Mar. 2, (UPI): His Exalted Highness the Nizam has sent the following telegram to Miss Padmaja Naidu, daughter of the late Sarojini Naidu at Lucknow.

Shocked and grieved to learn the sudden death of my old friend and well wisher, your dear mother. A great citizen of India has passed away. My heart-felt condolences.

The Nizam in a personal letter to Major G. Naidu has expressed his 'deepest sympathy' to him in his loss.

ALLAHABAD, March 2. (UPI): Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, editor, the "Amrit Bazar Patrika" has sent the following condolence message to Miss Padmaja Naidu:—

"Deeply distressed at your bereavement I have lost a sincere friend and patron and India a noble daughter. The void can hardly be filled Accept heartfelt condolences.

SHANKERRAO DEO'S TRIBUTES

DELHI, March 2, (API):— Mr. Shankerrao Deo, General Secretary of the Congress, said: "Words are few when the heart is full. The voice that once moved the hearts of millions not only in this country but outside, though physically stilled, will continue to inspire mankind for a long time to come."

CALCUTTA, March 2, (UPI): His Excellency, Dr. K. N. Katju, Governor of West Bengal, has sent the following message on the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu:—

"The news of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu's death will cause deep shock and grief throughout the country. As a great daughter of India, she played a great part in the emancipation and ennoblement of women in her life time.

In truth for generations the like of her will not be born in the world. Let us all, in these difficult days, try to be worthy of her and all that she did for us in a crowded life time".

SUHRAWARDY'S TRIBUTES

CALCUTTA, March 2, (UPI): Mr H. S. Suhrawardy, ex-Premier of United Bengal, in the course of a message on the death of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu says:

"Sarojini Naidu, our 'Akka', the seer, the poet, the inspirer and the inspired, a dauntless leader of magnificent stature has passed away from amongst us leaving a void which none can fill. To many of us it is a personal loss, for she knew the way to our hearts, the fire has at last been quenched, but, for long shall India remember her brave words her prophetic vision, her mellifluous yet ardent notes vibrant with courage and hope and a certitude of a great destiny for her country and for the human race. Never more shall India see the like of her".

A GREAT PERSONALITY

MADRAS, March 2, (UPI): Mr. B. Gopalareddy, Finance Minister of Madras, touching on the death of Smt. Sarojini Naidu said; "She was a very great personality and her death is a loss for ever.

"In all outstanding matters of public importance she had something to say. In her death a unique voice of bul-bul-e-hind is lost for all time to come.

MADRAS, March 2, (UPI): Dr. Mrs. Muthulakshmi Reddy in the course of her message on the death of Smt. Sarojini Naidu says:—"Our nightingale has passed away. She had a unique personality of whom any country can be proud of. She was the pride of the Indian nation and the women all over the world. Her political talents, her brilliant oratory and her command of the English language can find no parallel. So she very well deserves the name of 'nightingale of India'.

India commands the respect of the world because of a Gandhiji and a Sarojini Devi. And with Gandhiji she has now immortalised herself."

KALA VENKATARAO'S TRIBUTES

AMALAPURAM, March 2 (API):—Mr. Kala Venkataroa, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress in a statement today on the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said: "An outstanding personality and a great patriot who sacrificed her all in the cause of freedom of the motherland, our eminent national poetess and charming nightingale whose inimitable voice stirred the nation to action has left us. Even in her old age and failing health, she did not leave her post of duty. Andhra has lost her daughter-in-law. Bengal her daughter and India her mother.

SHILLONG, March 2 (API): The Governor of Assam, Mr. Sri Prakash said that Mrs. Naidu's death removed from their midst a great, unique, versatile and most colourful personality that had elevated and ennobled their lives by its invariable grace and charm and which had kept them on the path of duty inspiring them in the darkest hours of despair and despondency of their struggle for freedom by its cool and undaunted courage and unfailing optimism. The Governor added that her humanity was all embracing and she knew no caste or creed or community.

CALCUTTA, March 2 (API): Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose said:— Mrs. Sarojini Naidu is dead. I mourn for her. For a quarter of a century and more, she gave life, colour and the poet's touch to our politics.

She was always in the vanguard of our fight for political freedom but she never ceased to be a woman. In her presence one always felt that the hand that rocks the cradle is the power that rules the world. She is gone and, unfortunately for us, there is none to replace her.

SADDEST OF ALL NEWS

MADRAS, March 3 (UPI): The Secretary of the Women's Indian Association, Madras branch, has sent the following message to Miss Lilamani Naidu, daughter of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu:—

"Shocked at the saddest of all news. Deeply grieved over the great loss to the country. The nation lost mightly give us all strength to stand a father; now a mother. May allthis calamity."

MADRAS, March 2, (U. P. I.): The Madras high court remained closed today in memory of the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

CUTTACK, March 2, (A. P. I.): All the Government offices in the province of Orissa have been ordered to be closed as a mark of respect to Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Flags are today flying half mast on Government buildings.

REFERENCE IN BIHAR ASSEMBLY:

PATNA, March 2, (A. P. I.): Feeling reference were made in the Bihar Assembly today to the sudden death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces, by all sections of the House before it adjourned without transacting any business as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed leader.

The members stood in silence for one minute before the House adjourned.

MOURNING IN INDORE.

INDORE, March 2, (A. P. I.): News of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu Governor of U. P. was received here with deep sorrow by friends and admirers in Indore.

His Highness, the Holkar, senior up-Rajpramukh of Madhya Bharat on hearing the news cancelled all engagements for day.

All educational institutions in Indore are observing two minutes silence at midday today in memory of the late Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

W. BENGAL ASSEMBLY TRIBUTES

Feeling reference was made to Mrs.

CALCUTTA, March 2 (API): Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces, by representatives of all groups in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly this afternoon.

Dr. B C. Roy, Premier, said that Mrs. Naidu was one of the foremost figures in the political and administrative sphere of the country. She was also one of the greatest champions of the rights of Indian women. yet She was soft and full of humour. Hindus and Muslims joined and jostled one another to take advice from her.

The House also mourned the death of Mr. Syed Hussain, India's Ambassador in Egypt, and adjourned for the day as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 2 (API):: Many old friends of Mrs Sarojini Naidu in Hyderabad have expressed deep sorrow at her sudden death.

Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Khan, a prominent Muslim leader of Hyderabad who during the Razakar Regime pleaded with the Nizam for accession of the state to Indian Union, in a statement says: "Sarojini Devi was brought up on the soil of Hyderabad. Hyderabad women owe their gratitude to her for the services she rendered to them for their social, economic and educational uplift at all times and at all stages."

Mr. B. Ramakrishna Rao, member of the Hyderabad State Congress Working Committee, says: "A talented poet and an ardent patriot from youth, her whole life had been a dedication to the service of the nation.

She has left an indelible mark on the history of India. May her soul rest in peace."

ORISSA ASSEMBLY'S TRIBUTE.

CUTTACK, March 2. (U P. I.): The budget session of the Orissa Legislative Assembly, which commenced at 11 this morning, was adjourned for an hour as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Shrimati Naidu, Governor of U. P.

Mr. Harekrishna Mahtab, Premier, and some members of the house made brief speeches paying tribute to "the lady of great eminence and personality with many facts".

When the Assembly resumed after the break, Premier presented the budget for 1949-50.

MADRAS, March 2, (A. P. I.): Under directions from the Governor of Madras, Maharajah of Bhavanagar, who is at present in Trivandrum, the Madras Assembly suspended business this afternoon and adjourned till tomorrow as a mark of respect to the memory of Her Excellency Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPALITY ADJOURNED.

AHMEDABAD, March 2, (A. P. I.): A meeting of the Ahmedabad Municipality adjourned this evening after passing a condolence resolution touching the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

COIMBATORE, March 2, (API):—An emergency meeting of the South Indian Millowners' Association adopted a resolution expressing deep regret at the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. It was also resolved to close the office of the Association for the day as a mark of respect to her memory.

A few educational institutions in Pallamedu and Coimbatore were also closed.

JAIPUR, March 2, (API): As a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu all Government offices remained closed today.

RAJKOT, March 2, (API): All offices of the Government of Saurashtra are remaining closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. The national flag is flying at half mast on Government and public buildings.

SIMLA IN MOURNING

SIMLA, March 2, (UPI): Sorrow was wideapread in the temporary capital of east Punjab at the news of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu's Death. Opening as usual in the morning, educational institutions closed soon afterwards to show respect to the deceased. Flags are flying half-mast.

OFFICES IN BIHAR CLOSED FOR DAY

PATNA, March 2, (UPI): The Bihar Government secretariat and all other offices and educational institutions were closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of U. P. Flags were flown half-mast at Government house, Secretariat, Council and Assembly Chambers, and Sadakat Ashram, the headquarters of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee.

INDIANS IN LONDON MOURN DEATH

LONDON, March 2, (PTI-Reuter): All Indians in Britain today mourned the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

The news reached London in the early hours, too late for the morning newspapers, but was announced by the British broadcasting corporation in its first news summaries.

When India House and the other establishments of the High Commissioner in London opened, their flags were lowered to half-mast. Arrangements were made for a memorial service to be held tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Naidu was known personally to many members of the staff at India House.

HYDERABAD, March 2, (UPI): At a condolence meeting held in the Osmania University of the staff and students in connection with the death of Mrs. Sarojini Nandu, a resolution expressing profound grief and sorrow was adopted with Nawab Ali Yabar Jung, Vice-Chancellor of the Osmania University presiding.

NEW DELHI March 2, (UPI): Mr. Rathindranath Tagore, General Secretary on behalf of the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan of which Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was the president in a statement on the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu says:—

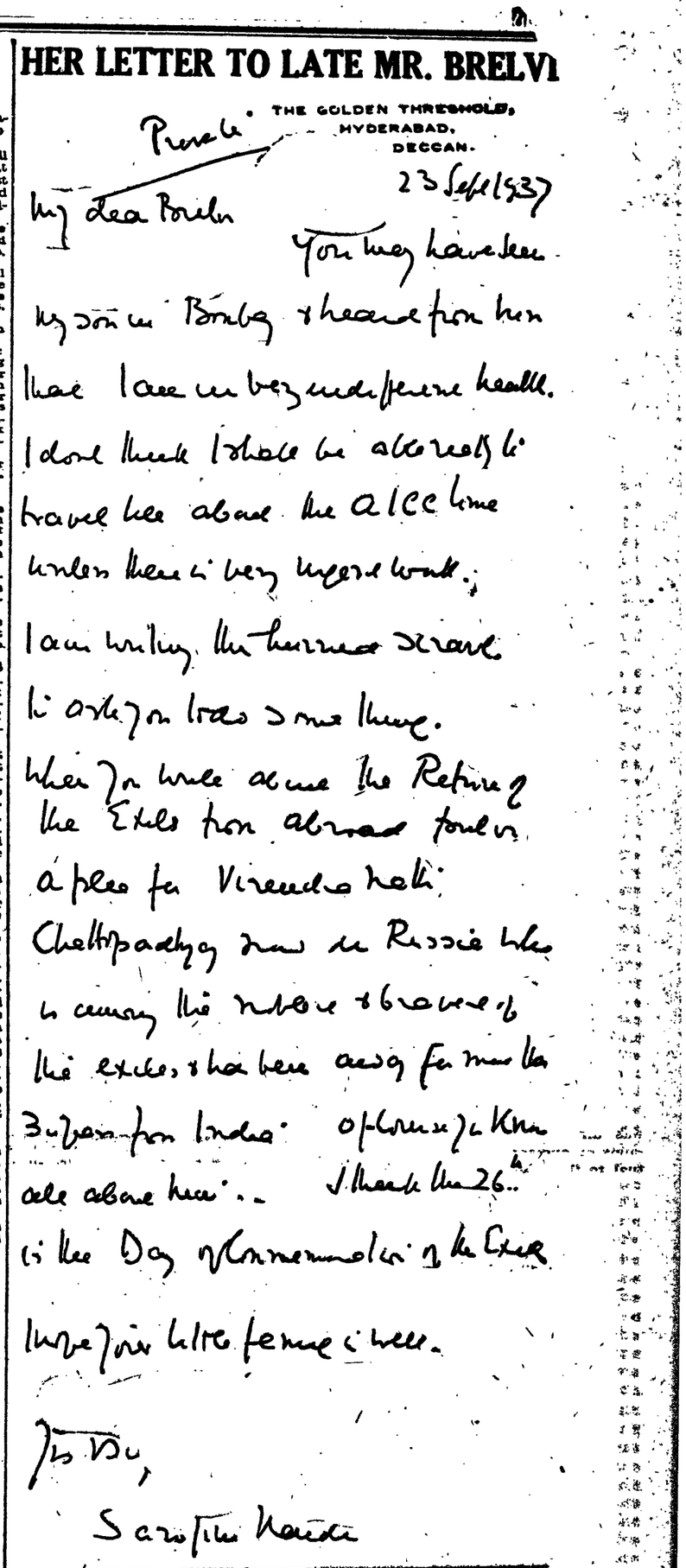
Never more shall we see her or hear that inspiring voice which was the reflection of her indomitable courage — yet we know that the music of her words and of her life will linger through the ages and give courage and solace to generations yet unborn.

REFERENCE IN C.P. ASSEMBLY

NAGPUR, March 2, (UPI): Feeling references were made today to the passing away of Sreemati Sarojini Naidu Governor, United Provinces, in the C.P. and Berar Legislative Assembly by the Hon. Speaker, Mr. Ghanshamsingh Gupta, The Hon. Pandit R. S. Shukla, Premier, Mr. Rauf Shah and Mrs. Goenka.

NAGPUR March 2, (UPI): The Nagpur Municipal Office, the office of the Nagpur Improvement Trust, Civil Station Municipality, and all schools and colleges remained closed to-day on account of the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

HER LETTER TO LATE MR. BRELVI



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My Dear Brelvi

You may have seen my son in Bombay & heard from him that I am in very indifferent health. I don't think I shall be able really to travel like about the Acc home unless there is very urgent work. I am writing the enclosed draft for you to do something. When you write about the Return of the Exiles from abroad to a place for Virendra Nath Chattopadhyay now in Russia who is coming this month & bravest of the exiles & has been away for more than 30 years from India. Of course you will write about me... I thank him 26th

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I hope you will be feeling well.

Yours Sincerely,

Sarojini Naidu

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FOR IMPORTING HANDLOOM CLOTH without a permit, MOTILAL MAHADEODAS was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 500 or in default to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment.

For charging higher than the controlled price for Dalda tin, DHIRAJLAL AMICHAND SHAH was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 1,000 or in default to undergo three months' rigorous imprisonment.

For transporting Cotton Cloth without a permit, GOPALDAS KISANDAS and HANSRAJ SHAMJI were sentenced; the former to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 500 or in default to undergo three months' rigorous imprisonment and the latter to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment. For similar offence, VADILAL SUKHLAL and SANTSING BALIRAM were each sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 respectively.

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FEARS OF INCREASING COTTON COMPETITION FROM RAYON

Wall Street Market Very Steady

NEW YORK, March 1 (PTI-Reuter): Liquidation of nearby March and occasional hedges influenced the old crop deliveries while large acreage ideas, Washington uncertainties and the lower than expected mid-February parity price accounted for scattered selling of new crops Later prices steadied on the appearance of covering and somewhat improved trade demands for nearbys. After easing in sympathy with the weakness of grains and possibly due to fears of increasing cotton competition from rayon in view of cuts in rayon staple fibre prices, market rallied on trade support and covering, closing steady with sales estimates at 90,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON.
NEW YORK, Mar. 1.

March	32.25—01
May	32.15+05
May highest	32.16+06
May lowest	32.01—09
July	30.93—98
October	28.07—03
December	27.83+03
Middling spot	33.62—01

WALL STREET MARKET

The market continued to recover as technical considerations attracted further shortcovering and bargain hunting but the volume remained limited reflecting prevailing business and Washington uncertainties. Places moved fractions to one dollar or so higher with rails averaging modestly higher despite estimates of about ten per cent reduction in traffic this year The averages were industrials 174.11 and rails 48.23 Some wavering developed as buying enthusiasm waned and profittaking and other selling appeared. Prices were fluctuating narrowly with the mainbody slightly below the best. Various technicians feel that additional gains may be gained before the market encounters renewed difficulties but the lightness of volume discourages expectations of an important sustained advance. The market closed very steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Prices sagged actively under general selling induced by the lower mid-February parity. Maize reached the decline early on reports that the commodity credit corporation was moving stocks, but prices rallied when country offerings increased.

Further Drop Of Rs. 13 1/2 Crores In Notes Circulation

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended Feb. 25 shows a further drop of Rs. 13,56,00,000 in the notes in circulation. Details are as under:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.
LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	21,90,87,000
Notes in circulation	1164,40,97,000
Total Notes issued	1186,81,84,000
Total Liabilities	11,86,81,84,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	741,81,84,000
Rupee Coin	42,84,22,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	362,44,77,000
Total Assets	1186,81,84,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 62.871 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT.
LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	306,04,06,000
(2) Other Governments	13,00,80,000
(b) Banks	86,08,86,000
(c) Others	69,52,93,000
Bills Payable	4,40,06,000
Other Liabilities	13,49,90,000
Total Rs.	572,56,33,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Notes	21,90,87,000
Rupee Coin	9,92,000
Subsidiary Coin	2,06,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	38,83,000
Government Treasury Bills	4,93,69,000
Balances held abroad	224,86,09,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	4,66,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	4,96,82,000
Investments	106,92,29,000
Other Assets	4,10,26,000
Total Rs.	572,56,33,000

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, March 1, (U.P.A.): Black pepper futures closed inactive and unchanged to 200 higher on the New york Produce Exchange today.

The higher range reflected the stronger spot market where dealers were reported to have paid 70 cents per pound for black pepper. White pepper which in particular is in scarce supply was quoted up to dol. 1.05 per pound nominal.

March shipments of white pepper from Holland were available at 96 cents per pound.

Contradictory reports relative to available supplies from Indonesia drove some recent shorts to cover. Despite reports that Dutch interests were getting ready large scale shipments from Indonesia, some quarters contended Telok Betong stocks are negligible and limited supplies in the interior were "inaccessible."

Asserting it would be impossible to get offers of Lampong Black pepper from Singapore or Sumatra, Volkart Bros. Inc., said, "It does not seem wise to expect any supplies from Sumatra during the next few months or possible longer We are depending entirely on India where the market has firmed up and premiums are asked for forward positions. Half the crop has already been marketed and if we should not be able to count on any Lampong supplies for the rest of the year, we foresee a great shortage, even more severe than last year".

Closing prices included:

March	67
May	64
July	60
September	50
October	50
December	48
January	46

In the spot market, black was quoted at 70 cents and white peppper at dol. 1.05 nom

Other seed prices included: Castorseeds dol. 110 nom, cotton-seeds dol. 60, Linseed dol 6, Linseed oil 27.6 cents Groundnuts 17.50-75 and Groundnut oil 15-1/2 cents

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, March 1, (U.P.A.): Prices remained unchanged in the Singapore pepper market today White Muntok was quoted at SSdol 232 and Black Lampong at SSdol 181 per picul of 133.3 lbs. fob.

SILK MARKET CLOSED

The silk market was closed on Wednesday, March 2 1949, to mourn the sad death of Sreemati Sarojini Naidu.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 3.

B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/8 15/16 Ready.
B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/8 29/32 up to 6 Mos.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/8 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/8 15/16 upto 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. 1/8 1/32 to 9th Month.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/8 1/16 10th-12th Month
B/I C O Buying extra usance 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/8 3/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/8 1/8 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/8 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/8 3/16 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 3/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 7/32 7th-9th Month.
New York & Montreal B. O. Rate T. T Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs 332 1/4
Banks Buying T. T. Rs 330
Banks Buying D D M T Rs 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D M T Rs. 329
Montreal Rs 328 3/4 T/C.
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 7980
Paris Banks T T Fcs 8060.
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs 1306
Java Banks Selling T T D D Gldr 79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157
Manila Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 166 1/4
New York/London Cross Rate dot 4.03 3/8 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 62.87.50-63; London/Alexandria Cross Rate Fls. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcs 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 9.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/4 1/16-1/2 15/16; London/Iran Cross Rate Rl 128/120; London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes 8.09-8 1/4; London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4. London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Frs 1061—1064; London/Prague Cross Rate Kc 201.402. London/Singapore Cross Rate 9/4 1/16-3/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Frcs 17.34-36
London Discs 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Bills 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money: Call 1/2 p.c.; 3 Mos. 3/4 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2
Tone: Steady.

Calicut Market

CALICUT, March 2.

Cotyarn Beypore 135/145, Quilandy 145/150, Fibre Garbled 90, Ungarbled 80, Cocoanut Raw 165/167, Dry 145/165, Cocoanuts 585 540, Copra Cmc. 395, Dipasand 405, Madrasmottam 420, Pepper Wynaad 1260, Country 1250, Dry Ginger Chernad 650, Ernad 640, Coffee Robusta 150, Timber Pali 60/65, Junglewood 35/45, Vellapine 50/60, Benteak 30/40, Teak 80/120, Manzo 3/3.8, Teak 10/17, Rosewood 12/20.

BRITAIN WILL REQUIRE GREATER AMOUNTS OF AMERICAN COTTON

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 1 (UPA): The Chairman of the British Raw Cotton Commission said today that his country will require greater amounts of American cotton coincident with the statement from a Belgian cotton man that his nation's cotton economy was being curtailed.

H. O. R. Hindley, on a visit to the Memphis Cotton Exchange, said Britain will need greater amounts of cotton as its programme of increased textile production continues.

Colonel Robert Pflieger of Ghent, Belgium, said the currency exchange is curtailing his country's cotton economy. Pflieger leaves today for New York enroute to Belgium.

Pflieger said the Belgian textile industry and the rest of Belgian economy was "doing very well" until a year ago. About that time, he said, it began to be noticeable that customers did not have Belgian francs to finance their purchases.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, March 1. (U.P.A.): Pepper prices remained unchanged today as neither London nor Singapore were able to follow New York's opening Malabar, February/March was quoted at 342/6 buyers 347/6 sellers.

LONDON WHEAT.
LONDON, Mar. 1.

London, Australian wheat new crop March/April	98

In Sarojini's Memory

Leading City Markets Remain Closed

BOMBAY, March 2.

All leading city markets remained closed today as a mark of respect to the death of Smt. Sarojini Devi. The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially open for one hour but no business was done. Cotton and Province markets were officially closed There was no trading in the Bullion market but normally ready silver was quoted at Rs 188/- and gold at Rs. 117/12 Sovereigns steed at Rs. 75/8.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contract is 825 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON
ALEXANDRIA, March 1

KARNAK March	86.50—140
KARNAK May	81.63—92
ASMOUNI April	51.75—70
ASHOUNI June	52.00—85

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
LONDON Mar. 1.

Consols 2 1/2 p.c £80 5/8 ex div.
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961 £105 13/16
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90 £114 3/4
War Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1952 and after £104
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg. £103 1/2
National Bank of India £39 1/4
Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,875.

LONDON EXCHANGES.
LONDON, Mar. 1.

T. T. London on.

	Selling	Buying
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47	14.50

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, March 1.

American Telephone and Telegraph	147-3/8
Amerex Holding Co.	25
Anaconda Copper Mining	32-3/8
Chase National Bank	35
Sinclair Oil	20
Firestone Tyres and Rubber Co.	47-5/8
General Electric Co.	36-1/4
General Motors	57-3/4
Ingersol Rand	61 bid
International Nickel	28-7/8
National City Bank of New York	39-1/4
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11-1/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15-1/2
Texas Corporation	51-1/8
Union Carbide	88
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	42-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	71-1/2
Western Union Telegraph	15-1/8

NEW YORK SILVER
NEW YORK, March 1

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver	71-1/2 cents

NO PROVISION TO CURTAIL EXPENSES

Indian Chambers Of Commerce Executive On Budget Proposals

NEW DELHI, March 1, (A.P.I.) The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry met here today under the Chairmanship of Mr. Lalji Mehrotra, President of the Federation, to consider the budget proposals of the Government of India for the year 1949-50 in a statement conveying their views thereon it says: "While the Committee are generally in agreement with the review of the economic and financial condition in the country made in the budget and approve of the approach which the Finance Minister has adopted in dealing with the situation, they express their sense of disappointment that he has made no provision for curtailment of expenditure, particularly on the civil administration.

The statement continues:—

"The committee fully share the Government's anxiety both in respect of the food situation and its serious repercussion on the foreign exchange resources of India. It is, however, the definite opinion of the Committee that the procurement agencies could be tightened up and more efficiently administered, even at the risk of incurring some unpopularity, and a considerable reduction in the imports from abroad could be effected. The Committee would, therefore, most emphatically impress upon Government the necessity to strengthen the organisation in the provinces for the procurement of foodgrains. There is no definite indication yet as to what steps, apart from imports, Government are taking to meet the immediate necessities of the food situation in the country, as the Committee feel that, besides the long-term projects, which may take years to materialise, the country needs to be satisfied that Government are energetically pursuing short-term measures to increase domestic production. As a matter of fact, the Committee feel that Government would be well-advised in concentrating immediately on short-term measures which may, at least to some extent, relieve the existing food scarcity.

The position outlined by the Finance Minister regarding both the dollar and sterling resources is rather disconcerting, says the statement, and the Committee trust that Government will vigilantly watch the situation and promptly take such steps as may be deemed necessary to conserve these resources for the maximum productive purposes.

"The Committee are not satisfied with Government's proposals for increasing the postal rate both on the envelope and the postcard, as the average citizen availing himself of these facilities is not affected by the possibly increased expeditious deliveries of the postal airmails. The Committee feel that Government should retain the existing airmail surcharge and if necessary even increase it".

N. Atlantic Pact Gives More Power To U. S. Govt.

WASHINGTON, March 1, (PTI-Reuter): The North Atlantic Pact is expected to provide for assistance to Western European nations to resists "aggression from within"—such as communist subversive activities.

This provision would be additional to the key terms of the alliance—resistence to any aggression on member states—it was learned authoritatively in Washington today.

Communist activities would be included in both the terms of the treaty and in determining distribution of military supplies, legislation for which is now being drafted in the United States Department, it was further learned.

The North Atlantic Pact would thus follow the precedent set by the aid treaty for mutual defence in the western hemisphere.

Gen. Clay's Stiff Attitude

FRANKFURT, March 2 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Four Soviet officers and four other ranks forming the Soviet Repatriation Mission in the American zone of Germany had until this morning to quit their Frankfurt headquarters or be "starved out" by the Americans.

A Lieutenant of the Mission said yesterday they would stay until Moscow ordered them to move adding that they had "plenty" of food.

General Lucius D Clay American Military Governor, said yesterday that if the Mission did not leave by this morning, they would be denied water electricity, gas telephone and other facilities.

The Mission had been ordered to leave by the American authorities on the ground that they had no further work to perform in repatriating Soviet citizens from displaced persons camps in the zone.

General Clay declared: "how they obtain their food is not my problem. If I were General Duff (Commander of the Frankfurt military post), I would throw a guard around the place and wait until they got tired of it and wanted to go home".

The Soviet officer said: "I am a soldier. I take orders and my orders are not to leave until I receive orders from my Government".

In Meidelberg army headquarters, Brigadier General L. Harold said: "let us wait and see what hapuens in the morning".

Four More Bulgarian Churchmen Confess Guilt

SOFIA, March 1 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Four more of the 15 Bulgarian Protestant churchmen on trial here for treason today admitted collecting military, economic and political information.

Another admitted black market deals but pleaded not guilty to espionage — making 13 confessions of various charges so far.

The first accused to be examined today, 44 year-old Baptist Pastro Ivan Stankulov, said he had collected economic and political information but had not been aware it was intended for a foreign power.

He said he gave his information to Pastor Nikolja Naumov President of the United Evangelican Churches who has also pleaded guilty. Pastrol Stankulov asked the court for mercy and leniency.

Twenty-eight year-old Pastrol Zdravko Bezlov, youngest of the accused, said he collected details of equipment, training and food supplies at a military school which he attended as a reserve officer.

He gave the information to Pastor Janko Ivano, General Supervisor of the Bulgarian Methodist Church and the Chief accused. The thought it might be intended for the American Legation.

FRENCH DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIAN SPIES

PARIS, March 1, (PTI-Reuter):—French special branch chiefs directing the five-day-old drive against alleged Communist spies believe they are on the track of a Soviet military intelligence network covering most of western Europe, usually reliable sources stated today

U.N. Fellowship For AICC Official

NEW DELHI March 2, (API): Prof. P. Chakravarty, Secretary, Parliamentary Department, A.I.C.C., has been awarded the Social Welfare fellowship by the United Nations Organisation. Prof. Chakravarty will shortly leave for Geneva on his tour of European countries to gain first-hand knowledge in the field of social welfare.

Giri's Daughter Weds

MADRAS, March 2 (A.P.I.): The wedding of Miss Sarala Giri, sixth daughter of Mr. V. V. Giri, High Commissioner for India in Ceylon, with Mr. P. Surya Rao, took place at Mr. Giri's residence in Thyagarajanagar this morning.

The bride and bridegroom were recipients of congratulatory messages from the Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governors of various provinces and members of the Central and Provincial Cabinets.

The Premier of Ceylon Mr. D. S. Senanayake has also sent felicitations.

MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA

The Board of Directors have declared a Final Dividend for 1948 on all shares at 7 per cent less Income Tax making 12 per cent for the year.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 1.

Silver Spot and Forward	43-1/2D
Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, Mar 1.

May	2.17 3/4
July	1.91 7/8
September	1.92
December	1.93 7/8

Black-bordered Gazette Extraordinary

NEW DELHI, March 2, (A.P.I.): A black bordered Government of India Gazette extraordinary issued today said: "The Governor-General has to record with the most profound regret the death in the early hours this morning at Lucknow of Her Excelency Sarojini Naid, Governor of the United Provinces.

"It is very difficult in cold print, to do justice to her record of service in the social and political life of this country. A brilliant orator, a great poetess, a person endowed with unusual charm and sense of humour she could have spent her life in great material comfort and in the pursuit of literature which she so greatly loved.

But when the call came from Mahatma Gandhi for the struggle for freedom, she decided, without a moment's hesitation to dedicate her gifts to the cause he served and she has been in vanguard of this struggle ever since.

Twenty-five years ago, she was elected President of the Indian National Congress, the greatest honour the country could bestow on her for a long time now her health has been poor and would have justified her retirement from the harship of political struggle, but she utterly disregarded the advice of her physicians and her friends and carried on with superb courage. In the great political movement of 1942 although ill and in considerable physical pain, she was among the first to be arrested and she asked and was allowed to spend her imprisonment with Mahatmaji.

Her vitality her courage and her wit were never in greater evidence than during those difficult days.

"In elevating Srimati Sarojini to great positions no one ever thought that any particular favour was being shown to her on account of her being a woman. Honours were showered on her because of her personality her talents and her sacrifice for the country.

It was fitting that when the Asian Conference was held in Delhi, she was made President by universal acclaim. And when freedom was achieved she was made Governor of a large and difficult province: and it was characteristic of her whole life that in this post, the last she held in the service of her country, she displayed in full her qualities of courage dignity and great human affection."

Police Get More Facts About Dum Dum Raid

CALCUTTA, Mar 2, (A.P.I.): All the 31 persons arrested yesterday by the 24 Parganas police are, it is now learnt employees of Messrs Jessop and Company's Workshop at Dum Dum, one of the places raided by armed gangsters on Saturday last.

In course of their investigation in the workshop the police recovered 18 rounds of ammunition, and a quantity of a particular political party's literature from the drawer used by the President of the Jessop Labour Union. They also recovered a cigarette lighter and a ring from the workshop identified as belonging to Mr. F. G. Turnbull, one of the missing European officers of the factory, since reported dead.

The tightening up of security measures in the province was discussed at a conference of police chiefs at the Secretariat yesterday when they reviewed the progress of the enquiry into the recent raid at Dum Dum and Bashirhat.

Delhi Mill Strike Averted

NEW DELHI, March 2, (U.P.I.): The strike in the Delhi Cloth Mills has been averted due to the last minute intervention of the local Government.

The management has announced wage increase and the 6,000 time-rate workers will receive on an average increase of Rs. 5 in the basic wage.

The other demands relating to dearness allowance standardisation of weaving rates, etc. will be referred to conciliation.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 2. (A.P.I.): Thirty-six persons were arrested this morning near Gurdwara Chandni Chowk when they attempted to stage a demonstration in protest of the arrest of Master Tara Singh.

PLEBISCITE ADMINISTRATOR FOR KASHMIR

Bedell Smith Likely To Be Appointed

LAKE SUCCESS, March 1 (P.T.I.-Reuter): General Walter Bedell Smith, United States Ambassador to Moscow, is likely to be appointed United Nations Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir, it was reliably learned tonight.

The Ambassador recently submitted his resignation to President Truman, but it has not yet been officially accepted.

His apointment as an Administrator in Kashmir would, in effect, be in a private capacity and not as a member of the United States Government service.

Final decision on the appointment is expected to be announced within the next few days.

Consultations have been going on between the United Nations Kashmir Commission and the Governments of India and Pakistan.

It is confidently expected here that General Bedell Smith will head the list of names now being considered for this key post.

Now 54 years old, General Smith made the army his career. His last important military post was as Chief of Staff to General Eisenhower on the Allied Supreme Command during the war

SOVIET AIR STRENGTH IN FAR EAST

TOKYO, March 2 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A Russian sergeant—mechanic deserter who crash landed in Northern Japan in a stolen transport plane told an allied press conference in Tokyo to-day that Russian air strength in the "Central Far East" comprises of four air armies and two naval air fleets.

In this area extending from Central Siberia to the East coast, he said there were about 40 airfields of which 10 to 15 were capable of handling modern planes, including four engined bombers.

The Russian 23-year-old Vladimir Barashkov crash landed on Rishiri island, near the northern tip of Hollando, when he ran out of petrol on November 10 1948.

He had stolen the plane, a dakota type Russian transport, for Peretyehkain the Soviet maritime province.

SOVIET REQUEST TURNED DOWN

The American authorities refused a Russian request to turn him over to the Soviet Mission in Tokyo on the grounds that it is contrary to American extradition policy to repatriate refugees forcibly against their will.

The Americans announced that Barashkov's conference to-day that he was "being resettled"

Barashkov, whose career as an officer and pilot ended when he crashed a plane in 1947 escaped to Japan when acting as guard on a transport at Peretyihka.

He navigated by dead reckoning to the northern tip of Hokkaido before his fuel ran out.

To-day he explained he knew nothing of the Soviet army in the Far-East, but detailed the air force establishments.

He listed 22 airfields in the Central Far East, and said the total was probably about 40 airfields

The total Soviet plane strength in the area he said was about 1,200, of which about 800 divided among four air armies and 300 to 400 between the two naval fleets.

ATOM BOMB.

Barashkov said he had neard nothing or reports of an atomic bomb tested in Central Siberia reported in the press last year, but added that most Russians believed the Soviet Government had an atomic bomb.

The former Russian pilot said he did not think there was a chance of a revolution against the Government.

It was difficult to say whether the Far Eastern air force was aggressive or defensive. The forces was the same that fought the Germans in the west, he added.

SENATE GROUP TO REVIEW BRITAIN'S 1949-50 E.C.A. ALLOTMENT

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee will hold a public hearing today on Great Britain's need for a proposed $940,000,000 second-year allotment of Economic Cooperation Administration funds. Meanwhile, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will be working on its draft of legislation to authorise continued U.S. aid to Europe during the next fiscal year.

Despite the reaction occasioned by British U. N. delegate Christopher P. Maynew's statement that his country's economic recovery was virtually complete, thanks to U.S. aid and British determination the chairmen of both Congressional committees indicated that the ECA bill would be ready for floor action by the end of this week. The committees have been holding hearings for the past several weeks in connection with the Truman Administration's request for $5,580,000,000 to continue U.S. financial aid to the European Recovery Programme for 15 months starting April 1.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced that, at the request of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, the ranking minority party member, ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman and Thomas K. Finletter, ECA mission head in Great Britain, have been asked to appear today "to explain the wide discrepancy between their previous testimony of Britain's need for ECA aid and Mayhew's statement"

Connally expressed the belief that one public session would be sufficient to review the facts. Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee ruled against further public hearings, as requested by Republican Party members, and said the group would begin its draft today.

Connally and Vadenberg said the U. S. public was entitled to all the facts. Connally described the Mayhew statement as "a political speech" aimed at quieting a controversy in Great Britain" over whether the nationalisation programme has been progressing fast enough." He expressed the belief that Mayhew had not intended to convey the impression that the United Kingdom no longer needed Marshall Plan aid.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT

British Ambassador Sir Oliver Franks, when queried Friday by reporters about the Mayhew statement, said he had not seen the text but thought he knew the facts. He added: "When he spoke of Britain's recovery, he referred to the balance or near-balance of our external foreign trade which he seem to have achieved at the end of 1948. When he referred to that very important stage of our recovery he had not in mind that we had overcome all our difficulties.

"It is the assistance, the United States has generously provided us and other European nations, and the hard work of our own people, which has made possible this stage of progress of our recovery. We hope to register more progress during the present year."

Hoffman told newsmen that the $940,000,000 figure "represents the absolute minimum in the way of a dollar allotment to provide for the minimum imports of Great Britain if the present recovery momentum, not only in Great Britain but all of Europe, is to be maintained."

He pointed out that $1,239,000,000 was earmarked for the United Kingdom in fiscal 1949. The $940,000,000 proposed for fiscal 1950 is a reduction of 24 per cent. he explained.—USIS.

SUPPORT INDIA IN FIGHT AGAINST S. AFRICAN RACIALISM

DR. DADOO'S APPEAL TO BRITISH PEOPLE

MANCHESTER, March 1. (PTI-Reuter)—Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, gave warning today of a crisis in Commonwealth relations if the South African Government "continued with its policy of racialism".

Dr. Dadoo, now touring Britain as a guest of the India League, was speaking at a press conference at which he was asked if he thought race riots would recur in the Union.

He cautiously said he "thought" there would be a recurrence, but declined to discuss the subject any further, saying he would deal with it fully in a speech later this week.

Then he added: "but the Asian countries are greatly alarmed at what is happening in the Union and, if the Union Government is allowed to continue with its policy of racialism then it is bound to create a crisis in Commonwealth relations, specially as far as India and Pakistan are concerned

ENLISTING PEOPLE'S SYMPATHY

Outlining the purpose of his tour Dr. Dadoo said he wished to acquaint the British public with the situation in South Africa, particularly the racial policy of its Government and the "terrible and intolerable conditions under which non-whites in the Union are living" and to enlist British support for "the cause of basic human rights for non-whites in the Union".

"We desire Britons to prevail upon the British Government to support the Indian case at the April session of the Union Nations Assembly" he added

"It is a prevalent idea in some quarters of this country that as South Africa is a dominion the British Government cannot intervene in her domestic affairs. That is a fallacy.

"The United Nations Assembly has already condemned South Africa's racial policy and upheld the contention that she had been violating the basic principles of the United Nations Charter.

"There is also, it seems, a belief in some official circles here that the Malan Government is not favourably disposed towards Britain and that this country should not do anything which would give the South African Government excuse to get out of the Commonwealth as it threatens to do.

"This is a very dangerous attitude The South African Government will walk out of the British Commonwealth if and when it suits her".

Dr Dadoo said he was "very satisfied" with his tour of Egtain so far.

"Enthusiastic meetings had passed resolutions condemning the Union's policy and calling upon it to end racialism by granting basic human rights to all sections of the population, he claimed.

Meetings had also "showed concern at the British Government's attitude and called upon it to support the Indian case and "bring the Malan Government to book", he said.

Pakistan's Sound Economy

Ghulam Mohamed Reviews Situation

KARACHI, Feb. 2 (UPI).—"Pakistan has come to stay financially and economically," declared Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Finance Minister of Pakistan, at his Budget Press Conference here yesterday.

The critics, he added, who doubted whether it would be possible to fully realise Pakistan's first surplus budget, would be disappointed by the fact that a greater surplus had been accrued than estimated for this year.

He pointed out that the next year's budget contained allocations for many nation-building activities and all that had been accomplished without any additional burden on the poor In fact, the Finance Minister said, they would benefit most as the taxes on the foodgrains and some other necessities of daily life had been scrapped.

With the creation of Pakistan one of the most difficult problems that presented itself was of currency, but, remarked, the change had taken place without any hitch. In fact, the currency positon was very much better and banking had been appreciably improved.

"We are very well off in the dollar and sterling exchange and the turning point in our economy has been the success of our public loans", he said.

Palestine Armistice Commission At Work

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS UNDER DISCUSSION, SAYS GEN. RILEY

HAIFA, March 2. (PTI-Reuter): General William Riley United Nations Palestine Chief of Staff and Chairman of the Israeli-Egyptian Armistice Commission, was flying from Haifa today to Ajua, a demilitarised village in southern Palestine, for the Commission's first meeting.

General Riley told correspondents here the Commission would discuss exchange of prisoners, and other questions arising fpom last week's armistice.

"Success or failure of the Israeli-Egyptian Armistice is in the hands of the Commission" he declared.

The Commission consists of three members from each side with 10 to 15 United Nations observers at their disposal.

General Riley pointed out that as a result of the armistice, truce supervision had been liquidated gradually, and the 500 observers had been reduced to 146 with 140 other ranks.

The General said the Transjordan Delegation to the Rhodes armistice talks with Israel would not speak on behalf of Iraq.

First contact between Acting Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche and the Delegations was made only yesterday, and it was impossible to predict anything, he said.

"But you should know, I am always an optimist," the General added.

On the Israeli-Lebanese armistice talks which opened at the frontier outpost of Ras El Nahurs yesterday, General Riley said the problems between the two countries were simpler and agreement should not take long.

The General may fly from Auja to Ras El Nakjaa tomorrow to attend the second session of the talk. He then expects to go on to Beirut and return to Rhodes the same day.

He said he believed the Israeli-Egyptian armistice terms could be applied also with other Arab States.

An official Israeli Government spokesman denied in Tel Aviv today reports of a clash on Monday between Arab legion forces and a Jewish reconnaissance column, including seven armoured vehicles, in the Akabar Region of Transjordan.

FRENCH DRIVE AGAINST 'REDS'

Industries Ministry Official Detained

PARIS, March 2. (PTI-Reuter): French Military authorities have charged eight people and are investigating 20 more cases, after their six-day drive against alleged Communist espionage, Minister of the Interior M. Jules Moch said today.

The spy organisation, he told the Council of Ministers, had grown considerably. An all-out effort was being made "to render them harmless".

M. Paul Moret, an official of the French Ministry of Industry and Commerce, was among those detained here today.

He is accused of collaborating with two French Army Officers, detained on Monday after the swoop on the officials of Communist publications, in divulging military secrets to the military attache of a foreign power.

Yugoslav Demands On Austria

RUSSIA'S SUPPORT

LONDON, March 2. (UPA):—Russia today supported Yugoslavia's latest demands on Austria at the Big Four meeting where the Deputies of the Foreign Ministers are trying to work out an Austrian settlement.

The Soviet backing dimmed but did not kill Western hopes that Russia might desert Yugoslavia because of Marshal Tito's split with the Communist International Information Bureau.

In the fourth week of the treaty talks, the Deputies took up Yugoslav territorial claims on Austria.

Georgi Zarubin, Soviet delegate, announced he is ready to support the latest Yugoslav demands. They included Austrian territory, reparations, guarantees for Slovene minority in Austria and autonomy for the part of the province of Carinthia where the Slovenes live.

R.I.A.F. ON ANOTHER SUPPLY MISSION

NEW DELHI, March 2 (A.P.I.): Once again India's Air Force, which supplied the Poonch and Leh garrisons, is engaged in a supply mission—this time in aid of local Muslims in roadless hillside villages in Jammu and Kashmir.

Last week the R.I.A.F. flew half a dozen sorties to supply Muslim inhabitants in the Poonch area. R.I.A.F. transport planes dropped or landed salt, cloth and other urgently needed supplies for the civilians. They were promptly carried to the villagers' homes by Indian troops stationed in the area.

Two Absconding Reds Arrested

SURAT, March 2 (A.P.I.): Nanubhai Pragji Desai and Gulabchand Shao, two Communists, who were absconding for the last one year, have been arrested at Mandvi. They will be brought to Surat.

People IN THE NEWS

SIR C. P. IN MADRAS.

MADRAS, March 2, (A. P. I.): Sir C. P Ramaswami Iyer arrived in Madras today by plane from Bombay.

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F. A. O. DIRECTOR.

CALCUTTA, March 2, (A. P. I.): Mr. Norris E. Dodd, Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organisation of the U. N. O. accompanied by his advisers, left for Bangkok by air early this morning after a three-week tour of India and Pakistan.

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MR. V. P. MENON.

BANGALORE, March 2, (U. P. I.): Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the States Ministry, Government of India, arrived here by air this afternoon on a three-day visit to the State. He is staying at the Residency buildings as the State guest.

MRS. NAIDU'S LAST JOURNEY

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Aney, who arrived here by air joined the chief mourners at the crossing of Abbot and cantonment roads.

People precariously perched on tree-tops. Women in balconies, windows and rooftops of buildings showered flowers as the cortege slowly moved towards the cremation ground. Remarkable order and discipline were observed by the processionists whose number had increased by several thousand by the time the carriage reached the bridge of the Gomti.

Negotiating the bridge on the Gomti—which took the procession 20 minutes to cross—the carriage reached the cremation grounds at 5.30 p.m. The crowd, estimated at over 70,000 had by then peacefully settled down to watch the last rites.

The bier was lifted from the carriage at 5.40 p.m. by Dr. Jaisoriya, Major General G. S. Dhillon, Major C. S. Bhatanagar, military secretary to the U. P. Governor and some high military officers. It was placed on a raised platform where Mrs. Naidu's son unfastened all the ties round the bier.

Vedic mantras were chanted and "havan" was performed by about a dozen pandits. The body was then placed on the funeral pyre.

Lady Mountbatten, the Governor General, Pandit Nehru, Maulana Azad, Mr. Aney, Pandit Pant, the Chinese Ambassador in India, Miss Padmaja Naidu and Mrs. Indira Gandhi sat a few yards from the pyre watching Mrs. Naidu's son perform the last rites of his mother.

When the last post had been sounded, Dr. Jaisooriya went round the pyre thrice and applied the flame to his mothers body at 6.15 p.m.

Before the pyre was lit, ghee and vermillion and incence were spread on the sandal wood covering the body.

In a few minutes the flames enveloped the body reducing it to ashes.

RAJAJI'S TRIBUTES

While the pyre was burning the Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, in a voice chocked with grief, briefly addressed the vast gathering.

He said: "Sisters and brothers, it is my melancholy duty today to speak to you a few words now. We have joined together to consume to ashes the earthly remains of our beloved sister. All that was spirit in her went away early this morning. What is left behind is common earth, air and water. We have joined together to give back to the mother earth and mother air all that belonged to them. The vedic hymn that was chanted contained the prayer that the golden lid of truth be taken out so that we may be enabled to see the truth.

"How long we have to wait for the solution of the mystery of life and death. From time immemorial we have seen life and death. It still remains a mystery. The restless spirit encased in Sarojini Naidu has found eternal rest at last.

"Sisters and brothers, let us be worthy of the illustrious dead whom she has joined. Let us be large hearted and never small minded. That is what Sarojini instilled in the country. May her will continue. May her spirit hove us to bless us".

Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant who addressed the gathering after the Governor-General said "we have assembled in a cremation ground. The mistery of life and death remains unsolved since the time immemorial".

The Premier then broke down and could not further address the congregation.

The party returned to Government House at about 7-30 from the cremation ground.

The Governor General, the Prime Minister and other members of the party will return to Delhi tomorrow morning.

The secretariat, Government offices and educational institutions throughout the province are closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Naidu. Flags are flying half-mast on Government House and Government buildings.

Today's sitting of the U. P. Legislative Assembly has been cancelled by a notification.

ALLAHABAD, March 1 (API): The U.P. Board of High School and Intermediate Education has decided that Hindi should be the sole medium of answering examination papers for the High School examination from the year 1953.

The Chairman of the Board was authorised to give any concession to examinees of European institutions that he might deem necessary.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

48. The Chasmawala

In the good old days, he used to walk around the town crying, "Reul pebbulka Chasma". Now he is sedentary and he waits and bides his time on the footpath where he camps for the day with a wide assortment of spectacles. Nor does he cater only for the less well-to-do. This man claimed that he had an order to ill for a lady on Malabar Hill. There was a man who insisted, on principle, that the best optician did little more for you than this roadside practitioner. What after all was the method of testing the eyes? Purely empirical. The man puts a frame on your nose, fits in little bits of glass in the frame and asks you to read a board. Then he scribbles a few words and figures on a piece of paper and sends you off to get your glasses—a fortnight, a month, two months hence. This man does better. He gives you a seat beside him on the pavement, discusses politics, the government and the bus system and then liesurely, wiping his hands clean on his shirt-end sets about the task. The first spectacles you try might fit or the twentieth. But you get it at once. And the test? It's easy. That signboard across the street with the large letters provides an effective check-up. And if that does not satisfy you, why there is the number plate of a receding taxi which gives you all variations.

"TIMES" ON SIAM TROUBLE

Popular Party Has No Following To Regain Power

LONDON, March 2 (P.T.I.-Reuter): According to today's "London Times" the Siamese Popular Party does not command enough following to regain power.

The paper added that Marshall Pibul's rule satisfied the needs of Siam.

Discussing politics, the "Times" said "it was the rivalry between Army and Navy which was exploited on Sunday by the Popular Party in a renewed attempt to carry out the kind of "coup" that was foiled last October. "The Popular Party, which contains Left Wing elements who came to prominence in the resistance movement against the Japanese, does not command sufficient following to enable it to regain power.

At present the strong rule of Marshal Pibul satisfied the needs of a country which, fearing disorder more than it disliked dictatorship, is already gravely concerned to check the spread of Communist influence", the "Times" continued.

Lathi Charge On Akalis

PATIALA GOVT'S. COMMUNIQUE

PATIALA, March 2, (API): The Government of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union, has issued the following communique in connection with the defiance of the prohibitory order by the Akalis in Patiala today: "To observe the "Protest Day" at Patiala, the Akalis held a "diwan" in a Gurdwara from where they came out in the formation of a procession.

A Magistrate advised the processionists to disperse but they paid no heed to it and broke through the police cordon. Thereupon they were tear — gassed and dispersed. Thereafter, some of them in ones and twos nad in some cases in small knots through various routes reached Gurdwara Dukhniwaran Sahib. They came out of the Gurdwara in the formation of a procession again. The processionists were approached and advised to disperse but to no avail. Thereupon they were tear — gsased and dispersed. Mild lathi charge had to be resorted at two places when the processionists behaved violently".

KASTURBHAI VISITS FAMINE-STRICKEN AREAS

AHMEDABAD, March 2.

Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Chairman of the Gujarat Central Relief Committee, accompanied by Ravishankar Maharaj visited famine-stricken areas of Viramgam Taluka and Banas Kantha.

So far the condition of the cattle is not bad and now that the Famine Relief Committee has secured 'chuni' from Punjab and distribution of it has commenced the situation will be relieved to some extent.

Twelve villages of Radhanpur Taluka, 49 villages of Sami Taluka and 20 villages of Santalpur Taluka have been declared scarcity area by the Government. Banas Kantha area is composed of many small States and the administration has not therefore the same grip as in other districts of Gujarat. In some of the areas people get only one and half a pound of rationed grains a week, that is less than four ounces a day.

Unless, however, the Government is wide awake and immediately arranges to send substantial quantities of food supplies the situation is likely to go out of hand because several of these tracts cannot be negotiated in the monsoon. Another disquieting measure in this area is the lack of public workers and therefore, complaints of people are not properly reported to the authorities. The Committee, therefore, requested Ravishankar Maharaj to establish his headquarters in this area.

NEW SUBSTITUTE FOR PETROL

Samples On Test At Government Laboratory

DARJEELING, March 2 (A.P.I.): A new variety of motor spirit is stated to have been discovered at Ghum, about four miles from here. Under instructions from the Central Government, a sample of the new spirit has been sent to the Government Technical Development laboratory at Kanpur for test and experiment.

A representative of the firm claiming to have made the discovery, said that the new oil was derived purely from vegetable product. It was not only as effective as petrol in driving motor vehicles, but was also said to be much cheaper in cost.

Elected Assembly For Cochin China

PARIS, March 2 (PTI-Reuter): The French Cabinet today approved creation of an elected territorial assembly in the autonomous Indo-Chinese Republic of Cochin China.

This Assembly would have two sections—French and Cochin-Chinese—which would sit together, the official Government spokesman told reporters. It would be asked to advise on the future constitutional status of Cochin-China.

HOUSING SHORTAGE IN CITY

Appointment Of Special Minister Suggested

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. S. P. Gidwani, noted Sindhi leader, speaking at a meeting of the Progressive Group at the Green's Hotel tonight, suggested that the Government of Bombay should appoint a Special Minister for Housing to tackle the housing problem effectively. He said that the Housing Board's activities were now mostly confined to industrial housing, and the appointment of a special Minister would enable the Government to take steps to provide proper houses for the refugees who were at present in a sad plight.

The meeting passed a resolution, all standing, expressing deep sorrow at the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. The resolution was moved by Mr. S. K. Karanjia, President of the Progressive Group.

CATTLE BREEDERS' CONFERENCE

Important Resolutions Passed

NEW DELHI, March 2, (A. P. I.): The second All-India Cattle Breeders conference, which met during the last three days, at the All-India cattle show ground at Rajghat Delhi, concluded its session today.

Among the important resolutions passed were decisions to approach the Central and provincial Governments to grant lands for cattle breeding farms, to develop and multiply useful cattle breeds which have been lost to India because of partition of the country, to organise animal husbandry department in new unions of States, to establish an adequate agency to give effect to the resolutions passed in the conference and to restrict the sale and export of animals from their home tracts.

The conference also decided to undertake the organisation of cattle shows all over India, with the ultimate aim of arranging one show for every 20 villages every year. The 30th January next year was fixed as the target.

Standing Committee Condoles Mrs. Naidu's Death

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

As a mark of respect to the memory of Her Excellency Shrimati Sarojini Naidu, the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was adjourned today without transacting any business.

The Standing Committee, however, passed a condolence resolution, which said that Shrimati Naidu's ardent patriotism and deep devotion of cause of the country had won for her high esteem of her countrymen. Her conspicuous services for the country would ever be remembered with gratitude by the people.

Mr. Ganpati Shankar Desai, moving the resolution, paid tributes to Shrimati Naidu and said that she fought many battles valiantly for freedom at great sacrifice. She represented India on various delegation that visited foreign countries and wherever she went she brought great credit to the country. India could ill-afford the loss of such a great personality and true patriot at this juncture.

CAPITAL MOURNS MRS. NAIDU'S DEATH

NEW DELHI, March 2.

The Government of India Secretariat and other offices in the Capital were closed today on account of Her Excellency Srimati Sarojini Naidu.

Flags of public buildings are being flown at half-mast.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu Dies Of Heart Failure

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of India, Mrs. Naidu was close associate of Mahatma Gandhi. She was a member of the Congress Working committee for many years and her counsels were valued on all important politica matters.

As Governor of the United Provinces she galvanised the efforts of the women of the province to help the refugees with funds and clothing. The last public function she attended was the special jubilee convocation of the Lucknow University on January 28 when she conferred to degree of Doctor of Literature on the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Known for her subtile humour and sharp jokes, she said of Dr. K. N. Katju, Governor of West Bengal, who was also awarded a degree of Doctor of Laws on that occasion, "All Governors of India to-day are, jokes".

On the lawns of Government house, Ministers of the Provincial Government, Judges of the High Court, High Government officials and Congressmen stood in silence under the massive roofs of the verandahs while consultations were being held inside about the time and route of the funeral procession.

POIGNANT SCENE

A poignant scene was witnessed when Miss Padmaja Naidu arrived at Government House this morning, accompanied by the Premier, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, Dr. Jivraj Mehta and Srimati Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

Mrs. Padmaja rushed into Mrs. Naidu's bedroom, on the first floor of the Government House, and over come with grief, flung herself across her mother's body, which was lying draped in a white sheet.

A crowd of 5,000 including many women and children had meanwhile collected on the lawns of Government House and many of them were in tears.

Judges of the High Court, Ministers of the Provincial Government and High Government officials and Congressmen streamed to the resident of the Governor to pay their last homage to a personality who by her impartial outlook had made herself beloved by every section of the community.

All shops and markets in the city were immediately closed.

No newspaper in Lucknow carried the news of Mrs. Naidu's death in its morning editions. One page supplements were published and were in the hands of the newspaper hawkers by 8 a.m.

The funeral procession will start from Government House at 4 p.m. and the cremation ceremony will take place on the bank of the Gomti a distance of about one mile adjoining the University sports ground facing the historic Chattar Manzil.

Lady Mountbatten giving her reaction said: "Mrs. Naidu was an intimate friend of my mother, my husband and mine. In her death we have suffered not only national but international loss."

Mr. Harindranath Chattopadhyaya will broadcast a talk from the Madras station of the AIR on Srimati Sarojini Naidu at 9-40 p.m. to-night.

Functions Cancelled

ALLAHABAD March 2 (A.P.I.): All functions arranged for to-day in connection with the visit of the Governor-General of India to Allahabad have been cancelled.

The whole country is plunged into sorrow at the news of her death.

The second plane carrying the Governor-General of India, the Prime Minister of India, Premier Pant, U.P. Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Governor of West Bengal, Lady Mountbatten and Pamela Mountbatten left at 8-15 for Lucknow.

SON FLYING TO LUCKNOW

HYDERABAD (Dn), March 2: The news of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's death was received in Hyderabad with a shock. Although Dr. N. M. Jaisoorya, her son, had received information about todays ago that his mother was in a serious condition and he was preparing to go to Lucknow, it was not anticipated that her end would come so soon. Dr. Jaisoorya is leaving for Lucknow by air. Major Naidu himself has been ailing to same time and is not able to undertake the journey to Lucknow.

CENTRAL SECRETARIAT CLOSED

NEW DELHI, March 2 (A.P.I.): The Government of India have ordered that the offices of the Central Secretariat should be closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of U.P.

Flags are flying half mast on Government buildings.

U. S. PRIVATE INVESTMENTS IN UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS HEAVY

LAKE SUCCESS, March 2: Over 90 per cent of American direct private investments abroad in 1947 went to under developed countries, the United States has informed the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

U. S. delegate Leroy Stinebower, during the continued debate Tuesday on world economic development, estimated direct American investments in foreign countries last year at dol. 900,000,000 compared with dol. 636,000,000 in 1947.

He said a detailed breakdown for 1948 was not yet available, but gave the following breakdown of all U. S. private investments abroad in 1947:

Latin America, dol. 409,000,000. Middle East and Africa, dol. 115,000,000; Far East, dol. 57,500,000; Europe, dol. 54,000,000; and Canada and New Foundland dol. 2,000,000.

Stinebower pointed out that these figures were in addition to the sums lent by the U. S. Export-Import Bank.

Stinebower's statement was made in reply to one of several questions by Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon on the U. S. resolution introduced last Friday.—USIS.

2,4-D Most Widely Used In As Weed-Killer In U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 2: The chemical called 2,4-D, discovered in 1942, has become the most widely used weed-killer in the United States. Commercial production, begun in 1945, last year amounted to 8,000,000 pounds, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

Because broad-leaved plants are destroyed while narrow-leaved grassy-type plants are generally resistant to its action, 2,4-D is used to control most broad-leaved weeds. Lawns, pastures, small grain and cornfields are not harmed by its application. Spraying with 2,4-D is becoming general with wheat and rice farmers in the United States. Corn growers use it for weed control when excessive moisture prohibits cultivation. Experiments are still under way on the best means of using the chemical in one field without affecting susceptible crops in adjacent fields.—USIS.

Importance Of Soybeans In U. S. Agriculture

WASHINGTON, March 2: Soybeans are constantly increasing in importance in United States agriculture as a food and for the production of industrial commodities, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. U. S. output in 1948 amounted to 220,201,000 bushels, or 44 times the 5,000,000 bushel output of 1925, and 64 per cent more than the average 1937-46 production.

The crop was harvested from an area of 12,428,000 acres at a yield of 21.4 bushels per acre, or nearly double the yield of 15 years ago. Oil content of the seed has increased 15 to 20 per cent in the last 20 years.

Madras Stock Exchange Closed

MADRAS, March 2 (A.P.I.): There was no trading on the Stock Exchange today on account of the demise of Srimathi Sarojini Naidu.

'Finance Minister Has Done Well'

Views of the Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce Bombay, on the Budget Estimates for the year 1949-50.....

On the whole, regard being had to the very peculiar and difficult situation facing the country the Finance Minister has done well, even when there is nothing spectacular about his Budget. Smaller limited companies are deprived of the relief in the shape of smaller rate of tax as they are now to be taxed at 6 annas per rupee in place of 0-4-6 as heretofore.

The Committee regret to note that the pace of Central help, on which the Provinces had based their development schemes has had to be temporarily reduced. At the same time, the Committee welcome that smaller provinces with limited resources are to obtain grants to the full extent in spite of Central Government's difficulty.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, March 2.

Cotton Ready Sind NT 91/8, Punjab 289, F 95/8, Four F 85/8, New Crop NT roller ready delivery 92 to 93, Sawgin 97 to 98. Market steady with moderate demand.

Yesterday's business totalled about 3260 bales, Arrivals from upcountry 4918 bales, Exports totalled 14191 bales.

Cottonseed NT Ready 7/14, Do. New Crop 8/13, Desi 11/10, Rapeseed 160. Market steadier on account of good enquiry.

Yesterday's arrivals from upcountry 18132 mds., Exports totalled 1000 bags, which were for Porbunder.

Gold Tejabi 108-8, Sovereigns 69, Silver Coins 127. Market dull and featurclass.

Stock Exchange quotations unchanged.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, March 2.

Rajkot Silver Fagan 188/4/0, Rajkot Sugar Chaitra 91/3/0, Rajkot Aranda May 136/7/0, Jamnagar Silver Fagan 184/13/0, Jamnagar Aranda May 136/5/0, Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 28/8/0, Wadhwan Sugar Vaishakh 16/0/6.

WEAK CONDITIONS ON LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 2 (PTI-Reuter):—London Stock Exchange professional operators took advantage of the start of new account today by some bear selling. Prices in most sections were easier and there was an air of uncertainty and bearishness abroad.

Although British Government stocks showed little change on the day, the undertone of the section was soft.

New Zealand three per cent loan was introduced to the market and a premium of five eighths per cent was established.

Breweries, motors stores and miscellaneous industrial leaders showed a long list of declines which in the case of breweries and motors were occasionally sharp.

Cables and wireless ordinary stock opened very firm but eased on profit-taking.

There was also firm opening in oils but these later eased in sympathy with the prevailing trend.

Foreign rails and bonds recorded small losses and shipping shares moved against holders.

Changes in South African minings were few and generally to slightly lower levels.

CENTRAL BUDGET PROPOSALS

Mixed Reception

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in the course of a statement on the Budget of the Government of India for the year 1949-50, say:—

The picture presented by the Budget of the Central Government, when considered in the background of the earlier misgivings caused by the impact of large-scale emergency expenditure and the defence operations in Kashmir is reassuringly hopeful.

While the general expectations that the Cease Fire in Kashmir would lead to an immediate reduction in expenditure on Defence has not been realised, the assurance that in the years to come, the budget would reflect the gradul reduction in the strength of the armed forces, contains a ray of hope.

While there is room for the thought that the Finance Minister could have been more bold and could have along with the Capital Gains Tax abolished the Business Profits Tax also, there is no denying the fact that the relief in taxations cumulatively will create new enthusiasm.

The proposals relating to new and additional taxes are bound to provoke feelings of regret, particularly as some of these levies will directly add to the burden of the common man in in the difficult times through which he is passing.

Although in the Budget, proposals for relief in direct taxation have been combined with proposals involving increases in indirect taxation of a much larger magnitude in the aggregate yield, it is not unreasonable to expect that, on a balande, the psychological effect would be to lift the cloud of despondency and pessimism, which was hanging over the country's economic and industrial activities.

Mr. Manekji N. Dalal, President, Indian Roads and Transport Development Association, speaking of Central Budget proposals says:

In its general aspects, the Central Government's budget is an encouraging one and Mr. Matthai deserved congratulations on the realistic attitude he has brought to bear on the whole question. The relief afforded, particularly to income-tax-payers, is very welcome indeed."

Cheap transport is the basic need of the country, not only because 90 per cent of our population live in villages and depend for their economic pursuits on the availability of adequate, cheap and well-organised road transport, but also because industry today has no more valuable tool than the transport vehicle. It follows that a fuller development of the agricultural or industrial resources of the country can never be realised so long as the expansion of motor transport is retarded by heavy taxation. Particularly in the context of Government's attempts to fight inflation by increasing the productive capacity of the land, it is regrettable that the Central Budget seeks to enhance the duties on Motor spirit and tyres, which must inevitably result in higher transport costs.

"So-Called Reliefs"

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 2.

The Budget will be viewed with concern by any practica person. So-called reliefs to industries are not likely to assist in the industrialisation of the country for two reasons. There is little or no savings either with middle-class or rich. Once industry is established Government is pursuing policy of milching it heartily. Thus observed Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai prominent industrialist in an interview to the press.

"Appeasement Of Industrialists"

BOMBAY, March 2 (API.) Mr. Purshottam Trikamdas, said that the Central Budget was an "appeasement" of the industrialists at the cost of the common man. Of late, he said, there had been a tendency on the part of the Government—Central and Provincial—to tax the poor man through indirect taxation.

Revenue From Orissa State

CUTTACK, March 2 (A.P.I.): The total receipts from the integrated States during the year, excluding Mayurbhanj and including transactions in the capital account, were estimated at Rs. 3,08,05,000 revised and Rs. 4,28,04,000 in the budget for 1949-50; and the total outgoings at Rs. 3,40,35,000 revised and Rs. 3,95,74,000 in the budget.

The figure of receipts included assignments from the Provincial Revenues to cover deficit in the Revenue Accounts.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY.

NEW YORK, March 2.

Previous Closing	32.15
Today's Opening	32.14
Difference	—1
Today's Closing	32.20
Difference	+5

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, March 2.

Stock Exchange opening prices:—Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 32-1/2. General Motors dol. 58. United States Steel Common dol. 71-5/8. United States Steel Preference unquoted—(Reuter).

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POETESS, POLITICIAN AND ORATOR

Sarojini Naidu Was Best Known Indian Woman Abroad

In an age less turbulent and more gracious than the one in which she lived, Sarojini Naidu might have been known as the author of collections of verses, whose gem-set embroidered exuberance earned her the school-boy title 'Nightingale of India'. She might also have been known as a woman of queenly dignity, a personality of grace, charm and wit.

But in an era when a saint strayed into politics and was moving millions to stand up unarmed against the armed might of a conqueror, the poetess had to exchange her "sceptred flute" for a blaring trumpet, that spoke in eloquence of the anguish of the nation and its voiceless yearning for freedom. From being a poet she became an orator and then a politician. She rose to be President of the Congress in the old days of the Congress and the Governor of a Province in the new age of

"No, He Is Not Dead"

"We will be acting as deserters if we were to yield to despair, if we were to believe that he is dead, if we were to believe that all is lost because he is gone. Of what avail will be our faith, our loyalty, to him, if we dare to believe that all is lost because his body is gone from midst? Are we not there, his heirs, his spiritual descendents, legatees of his great ideals, successors of his great work." The time is over for private sorrows. The time is over for beating of breasts and tearing of hair. The time is here and now to stand up and say "we take up the challenge with those who defied Mahatma Gandhi.'

"We are his living symbols. We are his soldiers, we are the carriers of his banner before an embattled world. Our banner is Truth, our shields is Non-violence, our sword is the sword of the spirit that conquers without blood. Shall we not follow in the footsteps of our Master? Shall we not obey the mandates of our Father? Shall we not be his soldiers, carry his battle to triumph? Shall we not give the world the completed message of Mahatma Gandhi? Though his voice will not speak again, have we not a million, million voices to bear his message to the world? And not only in this world of our contemporaries, but the world, generation after generation?"

It was right that the cremation took place in the midst of the dead kings who were buried in Delhi, for he was the kingliest of all kings. It is right also that he who was the Apostle of Peace should have been taken to the cremation ground with all the honours of a great warrior, for greater than all the warriors who led armies to battle was this little man, the bravest, the most tried friend of all. Delhi has become the centre and the sanctuary of the great revolutionary who emancipated this enslaved country from foreign bondage and gave to it its freedom and its flag.

May the soul of my Master, my Leader, my Father, rest not in peace, not in peace. My Father? to not yet. Do not rest. Keep us to our pledge. Give us the strength to fulfil our promise, your heirs, your descendents, your students, guardians of your dreams, fulfillers of India's destiny.

Sarojini Naidu on A.I.R.

Tributes In Bombay Assembly

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

High tributes were paid by the Bombay Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council to the memory of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, ex-Governor of the U.P., to-day in seperate sessions of the two bodies.

Mr. K. S. Firodia presided the Assembly Session.

Mr. B. G. Kher, said: "Although she was dutiful and loving wife and the mother of a large family, all her attention was turned towards social and political problems including the emancipation of Indian women.

"She represented Indian Culture in foreign countries. In Europe and America, her learning and charm, created a great impression about Indian women.

"We will always remain grateful to Mrs. Naidu and her loss is irreparable. She was a remarkable woman who made the deepest impression by her eloquence and charm of manner.

Mr. K. S. Firodia speaker, associated himself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House. He said that she was one of the greatest ladies of the world.

The House adjourned as a mark of respect till to-morrow.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF ALLAHABAD TO OFFICIATE AS GOVERNOR

ALLAHABAD, March 2 (API)—A Press Communique issued from the Government House, Allahabad says:—

The Governer General has appointed the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court to act as Governor of the United Provinces until a successor is appointed and the senior judge of the High Court will act as Chief Justice.

May We Prove Worthy Of The Dead

—C. R.

LUCKNOW, March 2 (API).—The Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, expressing his feelings of sorrow at the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said: "Sarojini has joined the illustrious dead. May we prove worthy of the dead. There is no room for smallness of mind. Let us every moment try to think and act large-heartedly."

SARDAR'S MESSAGE

NEW DELHI, March 2 (API).—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, interviewed on the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu said:

"During our long struggle for freedom, she represented in her person the grim determination and the heavy sacrifices of India womanhood. She strode the stage like a heroine and never wavered in her faith in India's destiny and in the ultimate success of that miraculous weapon which was Bapu's gift to India. For a long time she was Bapu's companion and nurse and she wonderfully succeeded in preserving him and his energies for the nation through the many periods of his incarceration and the several fasts which Bapu imposed on himself. Thus within a short span of thirteen months we have lost a precious link with Bapu's life.

MRS. NAIDU'S ONLY SON FOR LUCKNOW

NAGPUR, March 2 (UPI).—The plane carrying Mr. Naidu, the only son of Dr. and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, en route to Lucknow to attend the funeral of Her Excellency Mrs Sarojini Naidu, left Nagpur at 11-45 a.m.

HUSBAND

Maj. M. G. Naidu

tinguished professor of the Nizam's College, which, before the founding of the Osmania University, was affiliated to Madras. Aghornath was a genius in his own right, a linguist who knew Hebrew, French, German, Greek, Sanskrit and Urdu, an alchemist who revelled in experiments in transmuting base metal into gold, and a man of broad sympathies.

None of his four daughters and three sons, all talented each in his or her different way, took to science. Two of them—Sarojini and Harindranath—inherited much from their mother, Srimati Varadasundari Devi, who in her youth had written some lovely Bengali poems. To Sarojini particularly, poetry came most naturally. Like Pepe, she lisped in numbers because the numbers came. She has herself described how at the age of eleven she started to solve an algebraic problem and produced a verse instead. At 13 she had produced a whole poem—and a pretty long piece at that—in imitation of Scott's "Lady of the Lake".

Extremely precocious, she matriculated at 12. Four years later, she left for England for further studies on the

SWEET SEVENTEEN

Sarojini in London in 1906

India's freedom. She became in her day the best known Indian woman abroad.

Patrimony Of Talent

Born on February 13, 1879 in Hyderabad, Deccan, Sarojini was the eldest child of gifted parents. Her father, Dr. Aghornath Chattopadhyaya, was a doc-

MOTHER

Varadasundari Devi

AT HER PRIME

tor of science, educated at Edinbourgh and Bonn in Germany. Called by the Nizam of Hyderabad, to organise an educational system for the backward state of Hyderabad, he became a dis-

POST-FREEDOM

This is as she was at Delhi before she moved into Government House, Lucknow.

basis of a £300 scholarship given to her by the Nizam in recognition of her poetic talent. Leaving for England in 1895 at the tender age of 16, she spent sometime at King's College, London, and at Girton's, Cambridge. But hers was not the spirit that could fit into the groove of academic discipline.

Poet Transformed

While, therefore, she did not make much advance in winning academic distinctions, her undoubted poetic abilities won her laurels and what was more lucky brought her to the attention of so discriminating a critic as Sir Edmund Gosse. Acclimatised to English poetry, the young Sarojini, was imitatively experimenting with

COUNTRYWIDE MOURNING FOR INDIAN NIGHTINGALE

NATION LOSES STAR OF GREATEST MAGNITUDE

BOMBAY, March 2. (A.P.I.): The news of the sudden death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the United Provinces was received with shock by numerous friends and admirers of Mrs. Naidu in Bombay. While many were aware of her indifferent health, no one anticipated that the end would come so soon.

STAR OF GREATEST MAGNITUDE

Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier of Bombay, who was informed by the Associated Press of India of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's death was shocked. He said "it is terrible news. We have lost yet another star of the greatest magnitude. She was one of the closest associates of Mahatma Gandhi and was with him in the forefront of the fight for national freedom at all stages. It is a loss which we shall not be able to repair."

Bombay Government and the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee are ordering a day of mourning in memory of the great departed soul.

SADDEST NEWS OF THE YEAR

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee in an interview said, "It is the saddest news of the year. Bombay Congressmen feel that they have lost their mother. That was her relation with Congressmen of this city. She did Bombay the Greatest honour by remaining the President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee for full seven years. She was the greatest woman of the land and one of the great women of the world for all time."

The news of the death spread in the city quickly from mouth to mouth and by 10 a.m it was widely known among all classes of people. This sad news was the topic of talk in trains, trams and buses among office-going people of all classes and communities.

The national flag is being flown halfmast in all Government and public buildings. Many educational and other public institutions are remaining closed today as a mark of respect for the departed leader, who had a special attachment to Bombay where she spent most of her time.

GREAT PATRIOT

POONA—The news of the sudden death of Mrs. Sarojinii Naidu came as a shock to all sections of people in poona.

Mrs. L. B. Bhoptakar, President of the All-India Hindu-Mahasabha said: "I am shocked to hear the death of Mrs. Naidu. Mrs. Naidu was a great patriot, a passionate lover of independence and a successful administrator not to say of a poetess of genius".

Mr. Tatyasaheb Deshpande, General-Secretary, Maharashtra Provincial Congress committee said: "It is a terrible shock to me. I can hardly believe it. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu was one of our greatest patriots and a shining light during our fight for freedom".

The M.P.C.C. will hold a meeting tomorrow to mourn the death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Poona, informed of the death of Mrs. Naidu by the Associated Press of India said: "The news of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu's death came to me with a severe shock. My mind went back to the day, years ago, when I first heard of her from Gokhale who had met her when she was a brilliant student at a British University. Gokhale's description of her was in most glowing terms, unusual with Gokhale, and he ended by calling her a second Toru Dutt. His prophesy was literally fulfilled that Mrs. Naidu would prove in later years a true interpreter of thought between the east and the west.

In the days of India's newly acquired freedom, when India's sense of national elation was unrestricted, the danger is ever present of India's drifting away from England and the deep reverence for human liberty which English literature enshrines. At such a time Mrs. Naidu's passing away is a great loss. In my brief talk with her in Calcutta two months ago, I could realise that all she had learnt from Ruskin and Tennyson had remained undiminished despite political upheavels of sentiment and ideas.

GOLDEN VOICE

Mr. A. A. Khan, President of the Fourth Party (Muslim League) in the Bombay Legislative Assembly said: "The news of the death of Her Excellency Mrs. Naidu came as a great shock to me. I could hardly believe that the golden voice which had cast a spell over two generations of India had been silenced for ever. As she told us long ago she wrestled with a problem of algebra but the solution baffled her and she composed a poem instead. She had been doing the same in politics and had stirred millions on the march to freedom.

APOSTLE OF HINDU MUSLIM UNITY

CALCUTTA.—Calcutta was stunned to hear the news of the sad death of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, a top ranking Congress leader of India and the Governor of U.P.

Flags were hoisted half-mast on Government House, the West Bengal Secretariat and other Government buildings.

All Government offices in Calcutta will remain closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The West Bengal Premier Dr. B. C. Roy who has been Mrs. Naidu's personal physician and host in Calcutta for many years, says: "It is a stunning news. Mrs. Naidu has shaken off her mortal coil and joined her beloved Bapu and her compatriots in the abode of the blessed. A poet, a dreamer, an ardent patriot and a fighter for India's freedom, she yet conferred a queenly dignity and prestige on every office she held, from the Presidentship of the Indian National Congress to the Governorship of the United Provinces and Oudh. She was the stoutest life-long champion of the cause of Indian women, the apostle of Hindu-Muslim unity, the biggest unifying spirit among top-ranking Congressmen in India."

VALIANT FIGHTER

MADRAS.—The news of the death of Her Her Excellency Sarojinii Naidu has been received with profound sorrow in Madras.

Mr. P. V. Rajamannar, Chief Justice of Madras, expressing his profound grief said: "It is impossible to believe that Sarojini Devi could die. She was one of those immortal beings for whom death has no meaning. She was called the nightingale of India, but I always thought that it did not so aptly describe her because she was not merely a poetess but also a valiant fighter in the cause of India's freedom. She lived to see India free and her spirit will always be over India to see India happy also.

"We could not afford to lose her at this juncture", said Mr. J. Sivashanmugham Pillai, President of the Madras Legislative Assembly paying a tribute to Mr. Sarojini Devi.

He said the death of Sarojini Devi has removed the greatest poetess of India. She was a potess that had adorned our country and brought fame to us. She had rightly been called by our Revered Mahatmaji the Nightingale of India. Not only was Sarojini

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A photograph taken at Durban, 1924

verses which might as well have come from the pen of a British youth. Gosse told her to cease imitating English poetry. It was wholesome advice and Sarojini took it. She stopped writing about Robins and Skylarks and Surrey Landscapes and started to be a genuine Indian poet, to write of the voluptuous scenes and colourful people of her native Hyderabad.

This phase of Sarojini's life lasted for about 15 years. Her first collection of poems was published by Heinemann under the title "The Golden Threshhold" in 1905. This was followed by "The Bird of Time" in 1912 and "The Broken Wing" in 1917. All these three were later published together in America by Dodd Mead & Co. under the general title, "The Sceptred Flute".

Politics And Oratory

By 1917, however, her poetic fervour was waning and she had been fully drawn into the political vortex. In her Presidential address at the Madras Provincial Conference, held at Conjeevaram (1918), she explained with her usual eloquence, why she could no longer be content with poetry. Strangely enough her first entry into politics was through the Muslim League. She had addressed the Lucknow session of the League in 1913 and pleaded for Hindu-Muslim unity. Two years later she was putting forward the same plea at the Congress session in Bombay. Her eloquence was responsible in no small measure in forging the Hindu-Muslim entente arrived at Lucknow in 1916.

There she said in moving and memorable words: "We are co-partners of national sorrows, co-sharers of national joys; joint workers in the cause of the nation. There is no separate gain for us, no separate loss, no separate suffering, no separate starvation, but one common march, common suffering, common starvation, common affinity, which death alone can sever. United alone can we stand; Divided we are bound to fall".

This plea for unity she continued to make to her last day. It was the first article of her political faith.

Returning to India in 1898 Sarojini, a Brahmin of the bluest blood, married the man of her choice, a non-Brahmin medical officer in the service of

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the Nizam—Dr. M. Govindarajulu Naidu. It was a happy marriage, and they had two sons and two daughters.

Highest Honour

Despite her family obligations, however, Sarojini was perpetually busy in political life, not only in India, but in England and in America also. In 1919 she was in London to give evidence before the Joint Parliamentary Committee whose labours produced the Montford Reforms. The next year she was there again making fiery speeches and denouncing the Amritsar atrocities. Her brother, Harindranath, has described a memorable meeting at Albert Hall when Sarojini thundered against a group of interrupters and silenced them. In 1924, she was in South Africa presiding over a session of the South African Indian Congress. In 1928, she was again lecturing in America, and in 1931 she went once more to London to attend the Second Round Table Conference.

Her untiring labours were rewarded by the highest distinction that could be conferred on a Congress politician when she was elected President of the Kanpur session of the Indian National Congress in 1926. To use her own words her poetical wor'ks were now "the glimmering ghosts of a bygone dream". The hectic politics of the Congress, with its frequent visits to jail, absorbed her fully.

With freedom won, Sarojini was asked to become a Governor of the United Provinces. With her usual wit she remarked, "They have taken a bird and put her in a cage". But it was an unusual bird and she carried out the duties of her office with rare distinction and at the same time with her characteristic humour

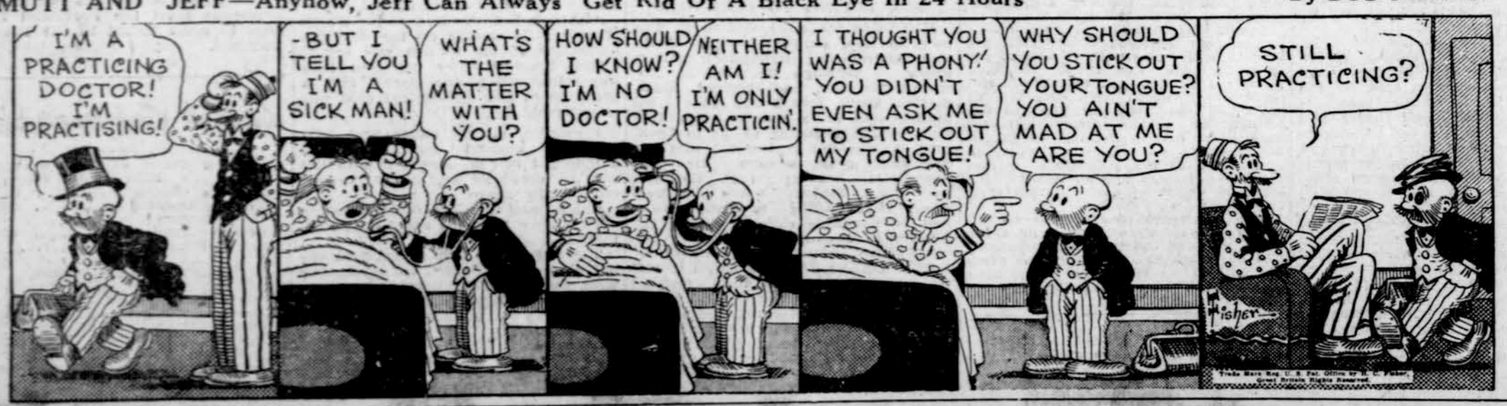
Go Forth Into Battle

"Often and often have they said to me: 'Why have you come out of the ivory tower of dreams to the market place? Way have you deserted the pipe and flute of the poet to be the most strident trumpet of those who stand and call the Nation to battle?' Because the function of a poet is not merely to be isolated in ivory towers of dreams set in a garden of roses but his place is with the people: in the dust of the highway, in the difficulties of the battle is the poet's destiny. The one reason why he is a poet is that in the hour of danger, in the hour of defeat and dispair, the poet should say to the dreamer: If you dream true, all difficulties, all illusions, all despair are but "Maya." The one thing that matters is hope. Here I stand before you with your higher dreams, your invincible courage, your indomitable victory. Therefore, today is the hour of struggle, when in your hands it lies to win victory for India, I, a weak woman, have come out of my home. I, a dreamer of dreams, have come out in the market place and I say: " 'Go forth, comrades to victory.' ".

—Sarojini at Conjeevaram.

MUTT AND JEFF—Anyhow, Jeff Can Always Get Rid Of A Black Eye In 24 Hours

By BUD FISHER


I'M A PRACTICING DOCTOR! I'M PRACTISING!
-BUT I TELL YOU I'M A SICK MAN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? I'M NO DOCTOR!
NEITHER AM I! I'M ONLY PRACTICIN'.
I THOUGHT YOU WAS A PHONY! YOU DIDN'T EVEN ASK ME TO STICK OUT MY TONGUE!
WHY SHOULD YOU STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE? YOU AIN'T MAD AT ME ARE YOU?
STILL PRACTICING?
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